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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Melbourne and Victoria and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and ask that, during your travels, you respect these cultures, peoples and land.

Message from the Minister

Melbourne's packed events calendar continues in the coming months with the best in arts, culture and sport.

The best in fashion will be on show at the 25th Melbourne Fashion Festival and the 2021 AFL season kicks off welcoming fans back to games.

The world-renowned Melbourne International Comedy Festival will showcase the very best local and international comedians and performers, making Melbourne the centre of the comedy universe.

Melbourne's list of upcoming events includes something for everyone, and I encourage you to enjoy the best events across the city and throughout the state.

Hon. Martin Pakula MP
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events

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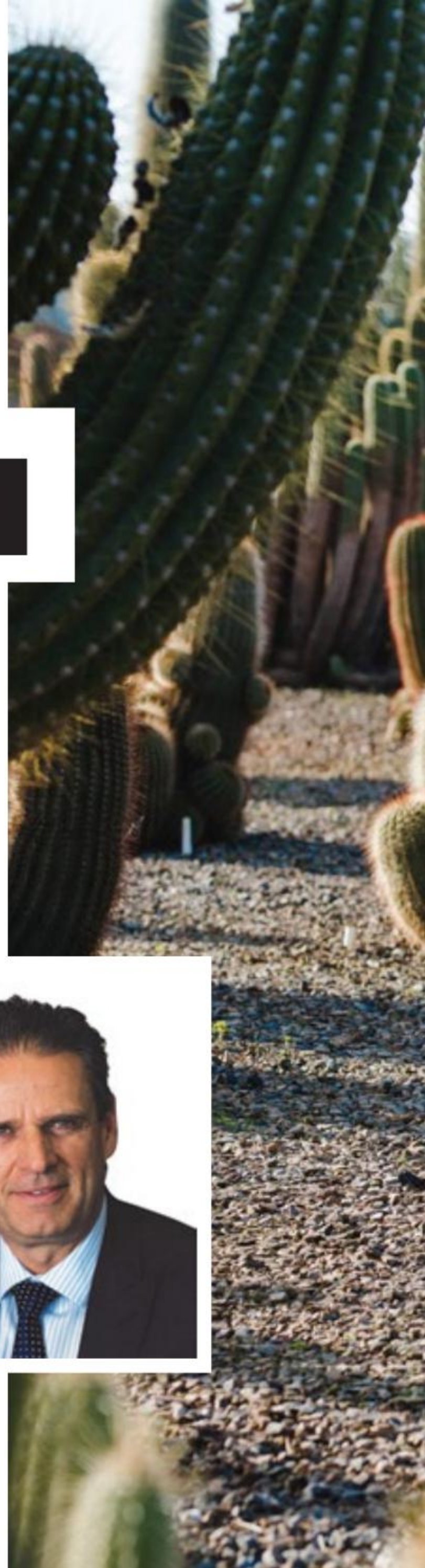

Summer is coming to an end, but there are many ways to enjoy Melbourne and greater Victoria as the leaves start to turn and the weather gets cooler.

It's the perfect time to go that little bit further afield and discover parts of Victoria that have always piqued your curiosity. Soak up the autumn colours in the High Country, taste fish fresh from the sea in Gippsland, hike to see vast views in the Grampians, drive the Great Ocean Road right out to Warrnambool, or find your way through the Silo Art Trail in the Wimmera Mallee.

Across the state there is every type of maker and creator, producer and artist, doing their part to ensure we continue to be the most vibrant part of Australia. By supporting what they do, we can all help to ensure Melbourne and Victoria continues to be a place we all love and can be proud of every day.

Enjoy Victoria.

Brendan McClements
CEO Visit Victoria

Cactus Country, Strathmerton

Bottom left: Koorie Art Show, Creative Victoria Award for Excellence in Any Media
Kelly Koumalatsos, Wergaia, Wemba Wemba
Portrait Of Sister In Laws; Wemba Wemba Great Aunty Frieda Stewart And Wergaia Great Grandmother Eleanor Stewart, *2019*
Paper, fur print, printing ink and framed image

Kelly Koumalatsos

Museums Victoria and Mike Dugdale

What does a portrait look like to you? No doubt a painting or photograph that closely depicts the features of the person it's capturing. For Wergaia/Wemba Wemba artist Kelly Koumalatsos, the portraits she makes of her family and ancestors are quite different.

For more than 25 years, Kelly, who also has Greek heritage and lives on the Bellarine Peninsula, has blended tradition with modern techniques, something she's been perfecting since her time at university. She takes the possum skins her ancestors used for making cloaks and combines them with contemporary screen printing to create tissue paper, which is then fashioned into garments. Her signature technique is ***uka ngalung wooleh***, which means to paint with possum.

In 2019, Kelly won the prestigious Koorie Art Show with her piece *Portrait Of Sister In Laws; Wemba Wemba Great Aunty Frieda Stewart And Wergaia Great Grandmother Eleanor Stewart*. "It represents the strength of the women in my family and their ability to do more than simply survive the oppression of the times," she said at the time.

Now Kelly has a new show at Melbourne Museum's Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Entitled ***Gung | create, make, do, love*** (until 30 May), it features her ethereal, textured artworks, each of which symbolises cultural identity and protection. While many of the smaller scale pieces were created in her studio during lockdown, the exhibition also features larger pieces created at Sunshine Print Artspace.
+ **museumsvictoria.com.au**

Archie Sartracom

Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum

Experience Aboriginal Victoria

Learn more about Indigenous Australia on this day-long itinerary.

10am Explore art and artefacts, both ancient and contemporary, in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander galleries at ***NGV Australia***.
+ **ngv.vic.gov.au**

1pm Join the ***Birrarung Wilam Walk*** from the ***Koorie Heritage Trust***. Discover the importance of the land as a gathering place for the people of the Kulin Nation.
+ **koorieheritagetrust.com.au**

3pm Head to ***Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre*** at ***Melbourne Museum*** where you can experience Indigenous artworks, stories and languages.
+ **museumsvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka**

6pm Make a booking at ***Charcoal Lane***, where the menu features native produce. It also has a training program for young Aboriginal people.
+ **charcoallane.com.au**

Museums Victoria and Mike Dugdale

A message from the

Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Melbourne's favourite events return better than ever this year as summer flows into autumn and visitors enjoy the city at its most lively. All those who love gardens will welcome back the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show in the elegant setting of the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens.

March brings many events to Melbourne, including Melbourne Fashion Festival and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Don't miss the City of Melbourne's much-loved Moomba Festival, which runs over a long weekend in March. During April, Melbourne Town Hall and other great city venues host one of our most popular annual events, the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Year-round, our city offers an excellent, often surprising, range of things to see and do. On behalf of the City of Melbourne, I extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and invite you to immerse yourselves in our city's dynamic street life and the many entertaining events of 2021.

Sally Capp
Lord Mayor

Royal Exhibition Buildings, Carlton Gardens Josie Withers

Laneways and Arcades

Bar Americano *Ray Reyes*

They've always been a symbol of Melbourne's creativity, but now the laneways have become a beacon for the city's tenacity. In the past couple of months, 'little' streets and laneways have changed, as cars have been eschewed for pedestrians, parking spaces for tables and chairs.

On Flinders Lane, restaurants like Cumulus Inc and Garden State Hotel have spilled into the outdoors. Bustling waiters place tasty dishes and refreshing drinks on tables in newly created open-air dining spaces. Check out tiny Bond Street, where chef Shane Delia has turned the street into a dining pavilion called Layla.

Look, too, for new works of art and lighting produced as part of the laneways' biggest ever glow-up. In Westwood Place, Vandal and Ogilvy Australia have created an overhead installation, but there's more to explore in Kirks Lane, Equitable Place and beyond.

The exquisite, historic arcades – Royal Arcade, The Block Arcade and Cathedral Arcade – have also come back to life. Admire their architectural finery while supporting the independent boutiques and eateries within.

What's on

Australian Open

Misaki Kawai at NGV Triennial

On Now

NGV Triennial
NGV International
+ **ngv.vic.gov.au**

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
Princess Theatre
+ **harrypottertheplay.com/au**

Come From Away
Comedy Theatre
+ **comefromaway.com.au**

Melbourne Music Week
Various locations
+ **mmw.melbourne.vic.gov.au**

Top: Misaki Kawai, Arty 2011, Mixed media 400.0 x 650.0 cm, Courtesy of the artist and Malmö Konsthal, Malmö, Sweden

Rone in Geelong

MFWF – World's Longest Lunch

RISING

February

3–7 Feb
Federation University Road National Championships
Ballarat
+ **roadnationals.org.au**

8–21 Feb
Australian Open
Melbourne Park
+ **ausopen.com**

27 Feb–16 May
Rone in Geelong
Geelong Gallery
+ **geelonggallery.org.au/rone**

March

5–8 Mar
Moomba Festival
Various locations
+ **moomba.melbourne.vic.gov.au**

11–20 Mar
Melbourne Fashion Festival
Various locations
+ **melbournefashionfestival.com.au**

12 Mar
World's Longest Lunch
Treasury Gardens
+ **melbournefoodandwine.com.au**

13 Mar
World's Longest Brunch
Treasury Gardens
+ **melbournefoodandwine.com.au**

24 Mar–18 Apr
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
Various locations
+ **comedyfestival.com.au**

24–28 Mar
Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show
Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens
+ **melbflowershow.com.au**

April

1–11 Apr
Rip Curl Pro
Bells Beach
+ **worldsurfleague.com/events**

3-5 Apr
Stawell Gift
Central Park, Stawell
+ **stawellgift.com**

May

26 May–6 Jun
RISING
Various locations
+ **rising.melbourne**

Top right: Judy Chicago, Purple Poem for Miami, 2019, Fireworks performance; Commissioned by the Institute of Contemporary Art Miami in conjunction with the exhibition Judy Chicago: A Reckoning, 2018-2019 © Judy Chicago/Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York Video © Donald Woodman/ARS, New York Courtesy of the artist; Salon 94, New York; and Jessica Silverman Gallery, San Francisco

*** More events in Melbourne**
+ visitvictoria.com/events
+ whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au
Events may change. Check online before visiting.

A New History

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A New History

Take a journey through the past, present and future of the moving image at the newly reimagined ***ACMI***. *The Story of the Moving Image* showcases every aspect of the moving image, from early optical illusions to the influence screens have in today's society. The new fully immersive and interactive centrepiece exhibition highlights Australian screen culture and stories. Created to bookend the exhibition are two commissioned pieces by Gunditjmara Keerray Woorroon artist Vicki Couzens. The two mixed-media artworks, called Yanmeearr (the word means flickering in the fire light), show how the ochre markings on the body capture and reflect light during ceremony and corroboree. Visitors will have the illusion of walking below dancing painted figures, creating a connection between traditional Indigenous storytelling and contemporary moving images. "I hope it gives people the opportunity to perhaps see the world through our lens," says Vicki.

+ **acmi.net.au**

Melbourne Fashion Festival

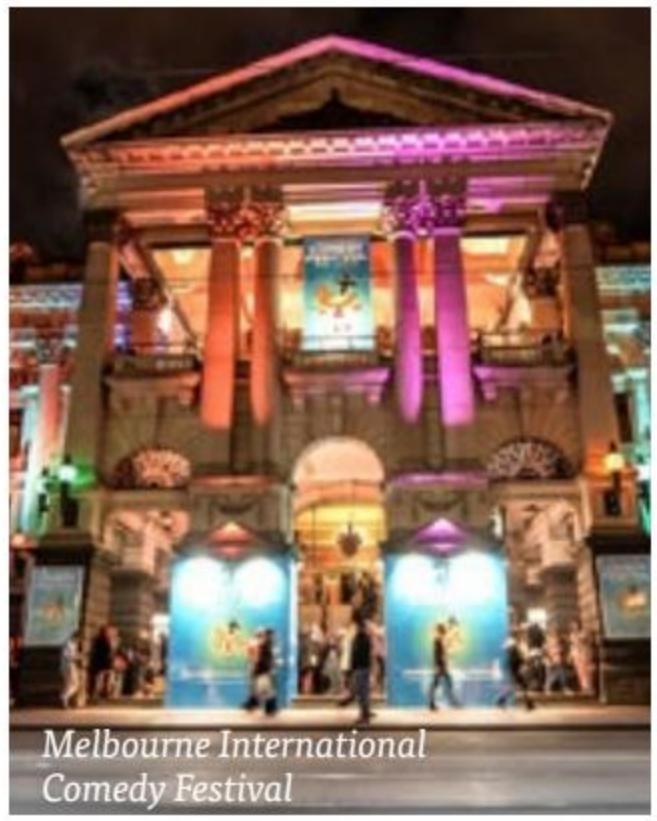
On the Catwalk

Most fashion weeks are all about designers, magazine editors and influencers. ***Melbourne Fashion Festival*** (11-20 March), however, is all about you. It's Australia's largest fashion event and everyone can buy tickets to see runway shows featuring new-season collections, check out amazing exhibitions, take part in forums and talks, and attend fabulous parties.

+ **melbournefashionfestival.com.au**

Moomba Festival

Rip Curl Pro


Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Discover the Magic

Melbourne's much loved ***Moomba Festival*** is back (5-8 Mar). Packing in four days of fun for the whole family, highlights include the Moomba Parade and wacky Birdman Rally.
+ **moomba.melbourne.vic.gov.au**

Return of the Wizard

It's the next chapter in the story of everyone's favourite boy wizard, only now he's all grown up. ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*** picks up with Harry married, a dad and working at the Ministry of Magic. This time around it's his son Albus struggling with the family legacy. This play in two parts, on at the Princess Theatre, has been wowing audiences since it opened. Be part of the magic.
+ **harrypottertheplay.com/au**

Surf's Up

For more than 50 years the best surfers have taken on the waves at Bells Beach during the ***Rip Curl Pro*** (1-11 April). The event has a rich history, with AC/DC's 'Hells Bells' played at the start of each day's competition. Then the athletes take to the ocean in an attempt to win the prestigious trophy.
+ **worldsurfleague.com/events**

Need for Speed

See some of our fastest men and women at Australia's richest foot race, the ***Stawell Gift***, held over the Easter long weekend. This year will be its 139th year and is sure to impress with fast and fun times for all.
+ **stawellgift.com**

Stawell Gift

Top Picks

1 See superstars of the laughter game bring their latest shows to the ***Melbourne International Comedy Festival*** from 24 March.
+ **comedyfestival.com.au**

2 See the work of more than a hundred artists and designers at the ***NGV Triennial*** and embark on a journey of exploration and discovery.
+ **ngv.vic.gov.au**

3 See the historic Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens transformed into a lush, perfumed extravaganza during the ***Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show*** (24-28 March).
+ **melbflowershow.com.au**

4 Immerse yourself in the large-scale paintings and installations of Geelong-born artist ***Rone***, at his new site-specific exhibition at the Geelong Gallery. (27 Feb-16 May).
+ **geelonggallery.org.au/rone**

Discover Melbourne's Laneways

Hidden Bars and History

From 1916, Victorian bars couldn't serve alcohol after 6pm, leading to 50 years of the infamous six o'clock swill. As you can imagine, there was plenty of booze going down on the sly after dark. This and other aspects of Melbourne's colourful drinking past are revealed on the three-hour Hidden Bars and History tour with Discovera Walking Tours. You'll also sneak down a laneway or two for drinks at some secluded, but entirely legal, bars. Cheers!

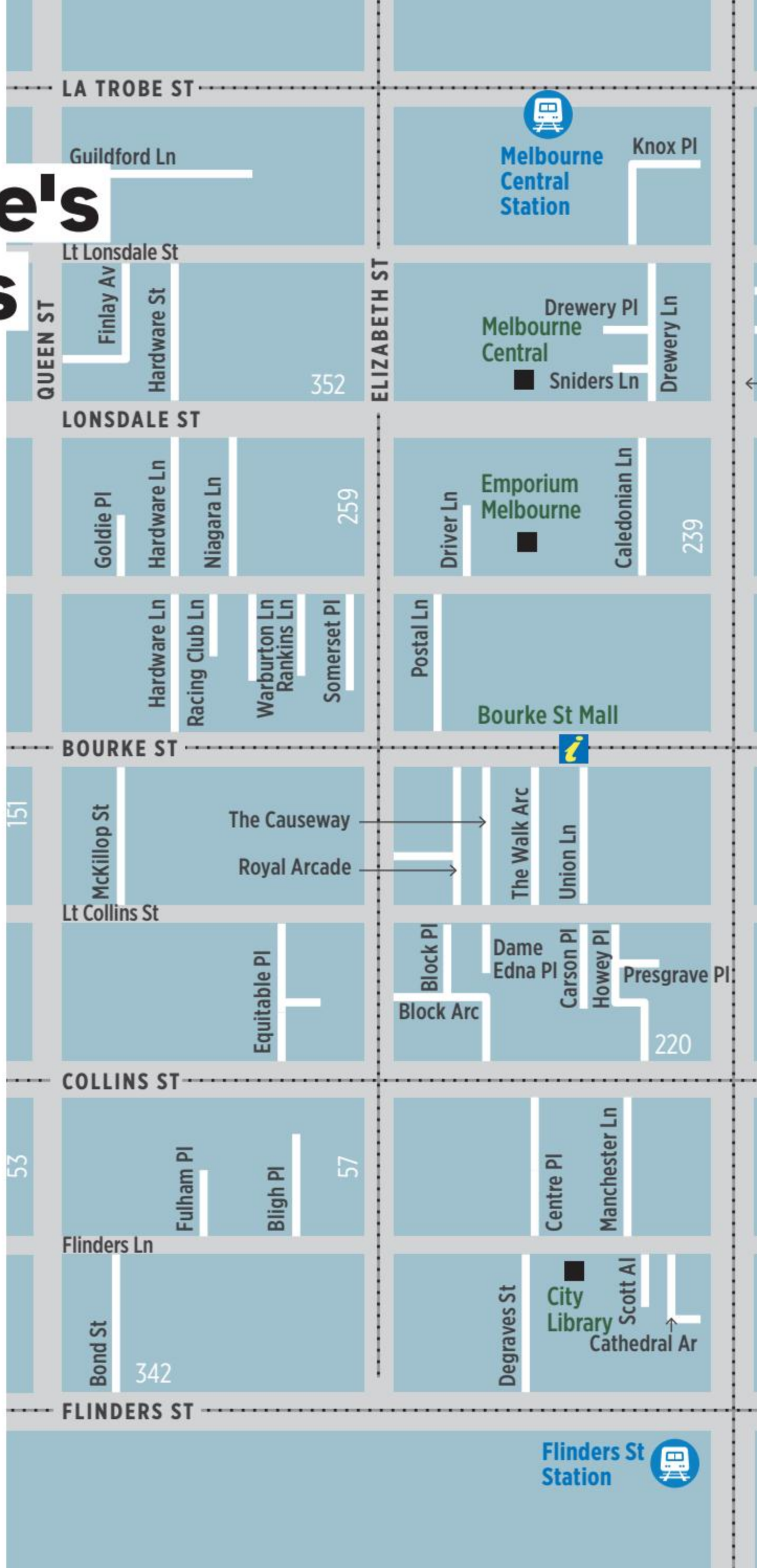
+ **discovera.com.au/melbourne**

Hidden Secrets

Think you know the city inside out? Even the proudest Melburnians will learn something new on a Hidden Secrets tour. The first tour to be offered post-COVID is the signature tour, Lanes and Arcades. Discover some of the city's quirkiest architecture, and hear tales of old Melbourne along the way. Numbers are limited to 10 participants. More tours will be added as we head into July.

+ **hiddensecretstours.com**

Click here to discover more hidden gems



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Red Cape Ln

Albert Coates Ln

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RUSSELL ST

EXHIBITION ST

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SPRING ST

Greek Precinct

Parliament Station

Tattersalls Ln

Celestial Av

Heffernan Ln

Waratah Pl

Chinatown

Corrs Ln

Smythe Ln

Cohen Pl

Chinese Museum

Punch Ln

La Trobe Pl

Bullens Ln

180

Coverlid Pl

Paynes Pl

Croft Al

Market Ln

153

Crossley St

Liverpool St

2

Parliament House

Rainbow Al

Russell Pl

Melbourne Pl

Meyers Pl

Windsor Pl

Melbourne Town Hall

120

Alfred Pl

75

Trams

Regent Pl

George Pde

Old Treasury Building Museum

Rutledge Ln

St Paul's Cathedral

Hosier Ln

Oliver Ln

AC/DC Ln

Duckboard Pl

Malthouse Ln

3 minutes' walk per block

Federation Square

Walk This Way

Carlton Gardens and Melbourne Museum

Find libraries, museums and sites of Aboriginal significance in the city's northern quarter.

Start by exploring Melbourne's UNESCO City of Literature hub, the State Library of Victoria, take a picture in the majestic La Trobe Reading Room.

Next, head to RMIT University and see Story Hall's geometric façade. It's sure to impress.

Explore further and see the face of William Barak, the last traditional ngurungaeta (Elder) of the Wurundjeri-willam clan on the Swanston Square apartment tower.

Continue to the Carlton Gardens and visit the World Heritage-listed Royal Exhibition Building. The nearby Moreton Bay fig trees, once a meeting place for Aboriginal clans, are a must-see.

Adjacent is the Melbourne Museum. See stunning possum skin cloaks in the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre and the legendary racehorse, Phar Lap.

Finish off with a stroll towards Lygon Street and experience Melbourne's Little Italy, beloved for its authentic pizzerias.

For more of Melbourne's walks, pick up a printed guide at a visitor hub.
+ **whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/walks**

Fatuma and Laurinda Ndenzako Collective Closests

Visit these Melbourne makers at Queen Victoria Market.

Collective Closests
Marrying Melbourne's refined silhouettes with vibrant tribal pattern, Angola-born, Melbourne-raised sisters Fatuma and Laurinda Ndenzako are the makers behind Collective Closets. Find cool designs in joyful prints created using sustainable practices, alongside jewellery from other local designers.
Visit Collective Closets at 103 Victoria Street, Melbourne.

Wendy Voon
She began creating contemporary yet timeless knitted garments and accessories in 2005, and to this day works with a local Melbourne mill so that her clothing is all created in the city. Get a glimpse into the workmanship behind each garment while shopping and browsing the range.
Visit Wendy Voon at 139 Victoria Street, Melbourne.

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Melbourne Zoo

Things To Do

Are you ready to get excited about being out in Melbourne once more? That's good, because there is plenty to entice and amuse.

It's no surprise there's a renewed sense of adventure in the air. So many of the city's best attractions had revamps over the enforced break and are now back bigger and better than before. And with summer in full swing and autumn on its final approach, there's never been a better time to get out and about. Whether you want to see the sights from the Yarra River, discover a favourite with fresh eyes or explore the natural world, there's more than a few suggestions to get you started. Don't forget that most attractions still require advance booking.

For the Kids

Don't forget the family's mini members. The Children's Gallery at ***Melbourne Museum*** is the perfect place for kids aged up to five to explore, play and learn. They can dig up fossils, tramp around the discovery garden or shake their tiny bon-bons at the camouflage disco. They'll spend hours staring in awe at ***Melbourne Zoo***'s monkeys, penguins and elephants. In addition to the animal attractions, *Dino Lab*, with its animatronic dinosaurs, runs until Easter. New to ***Legoland Discovery Centre*** is *Pirates Ahoy!* (6–17 April). They can build a pirate ship, create a short film or take part in a treasure hunt.

+ **museumsvictoria.com.au**
+ **zoo.org.au**
+ **legodiscoverycentre.com/melbourne**

Studley Park Boathouse

Como House and Garden

Eureka Skydeck

On the Water

The Yarra River cuts a swathe through the heart of Melbourne, but while we often walk across its bridges, how many of us have got on the water to better explore the city? ***Kayak Melbourne*** runs a number of tours, from a yoga sunrise kayak tour to a moonlight one, that explore the Yarra with a paddle. Another way to explore under your own steam is to hire a rowboat or canoe at ***Studley Park Boathouse***. Take it a lot easier when you jump aboard one of ***Melbourne River Cruises***' exciting tours.

+ **kayakmelbourne.com.au**
+ **studleyparkboathousekew.com.au**
+ **melbcruises.com.au**

Up the Garden Path

While Melburnians love to sun themselves in the likes of Carlton Gardens and stroll through the arches of trees in Fitzroy Gardens, there are plenty of other green spaces to explore around the city. New (or at least renewed) to the city is the ***Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne***'s Arid Garden, which features more than 3,000 incredible cacti and other heat-loving plants collected from the hottest parts of the globe. If you want to include some period architecture while visiting a gloriously manicured garden, set out with a picnic to South Yarra's ***Como House and Garden***.

+ **rbg.vic.gov.au**
+ **nationaltrust.org.au**

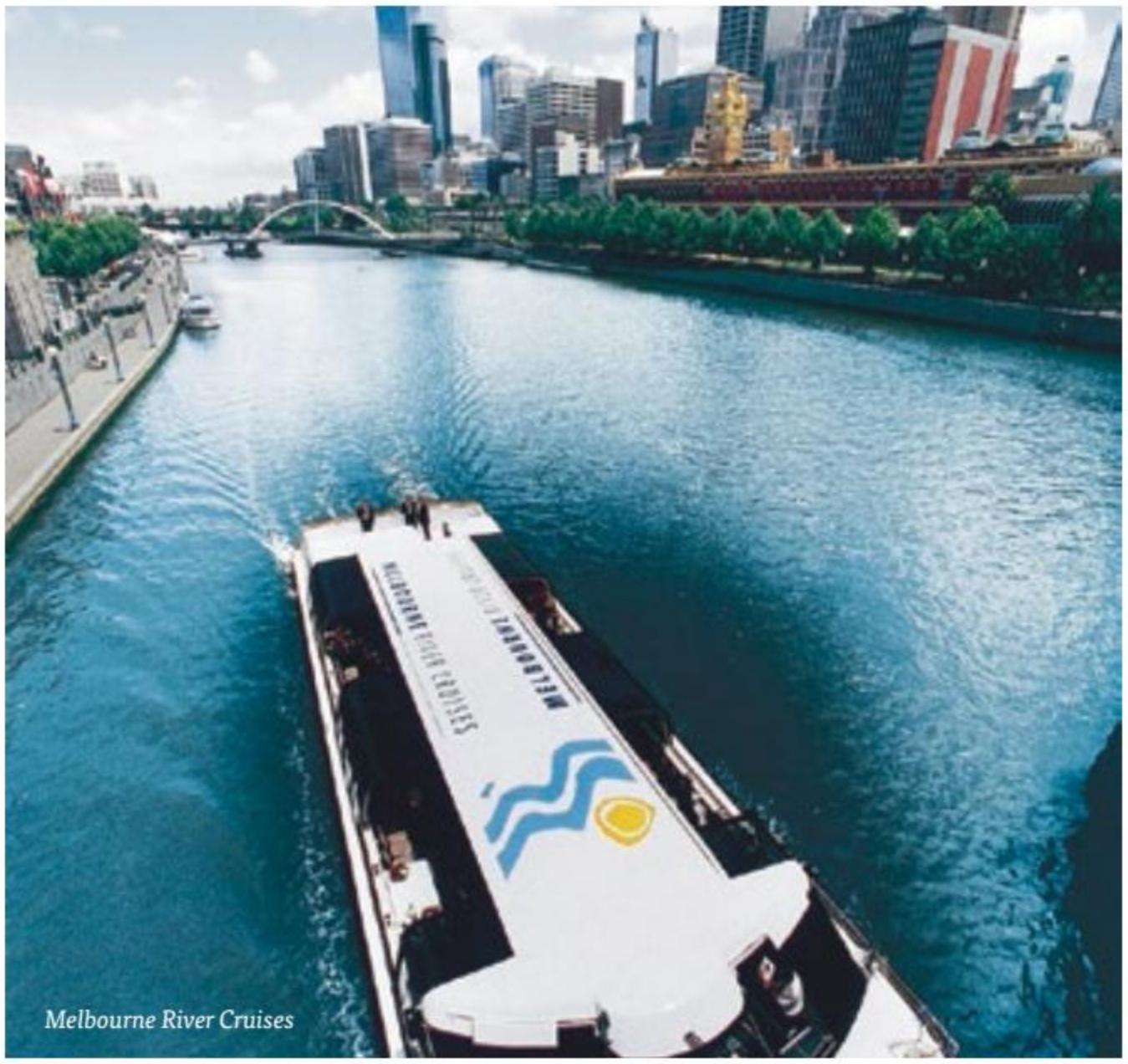
Everyone's Favourites

If you're a Melbourne resident, or someone who visits frequently, there's a chance you may not have seen some of the city's best attractions. They're not just for tourists and you might be surprised by the different perspective they offer on the city. Get a different view of ***Eureka Skydeck***, with its virtual reality experience where you balance on a plank 285 metres about the city. More sky-high views are on offer at ***Melbourne Star***, our own huge observation wheel with 21 private catered cabins. Pretend you're many metres below the ocean at ***Sea Life Melbourne***. It has a new attraction, with the opening of *Ocean Invaders*, an exhibit dedicated to the mysterious world of jellyfish.

+ **eurekaskydeck.com.au**
+ **melbournestar.com**
+ **visitsealife.com**

Take It To the River

There's still one type of relaxing cruise you can do, and it takes visitors on a tour along the Yarra River. As well as offering a beautiful way to travel to Williamstown, ***Melbourne River Cruises*** has a number of sightseeing tours. You can check out the working ports and docks of Melbourne or head in the other direction to see the arts and sports precincts and some of the city's most beautiful gardens. Each tour departs several times a day from the Southbank departure point. There's also a dinner cruise, with a four-course meal, drinks and stunning views of the city.
+ **melbcruises.com.au**



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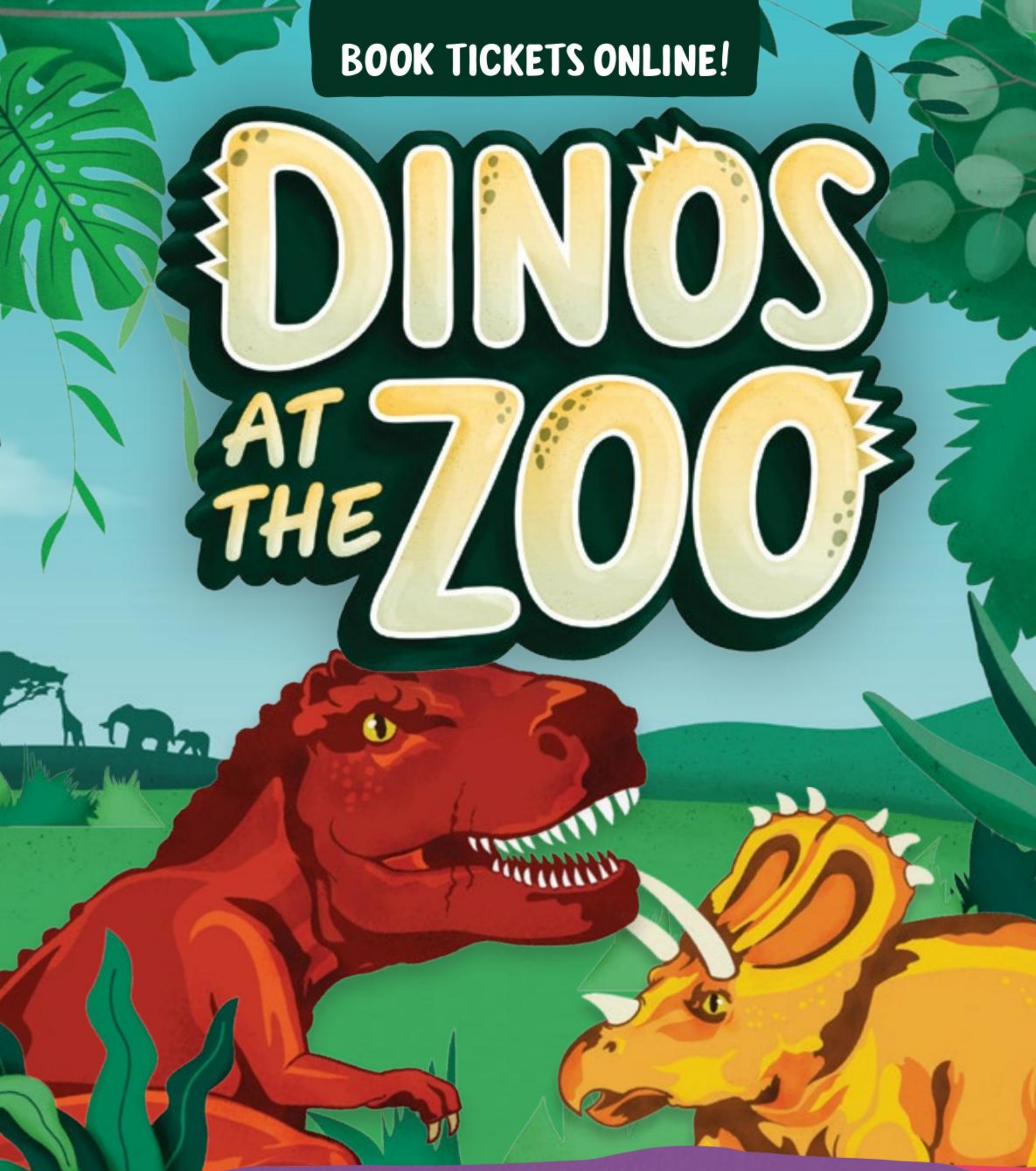

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Patch of Calm

Fed Oasis at Federation Square

Next time you're racing through the city and feel as though you need some time out, head to Federation Square.

The city's favourite outdoor space has been transformed to create ***Fed Oasis***, a series of shaded green spaces from the Swanston Street stairs right through to the open-air piazza.

Lush grassed zones encourage visitors to find their own patch, take a seat in the shade of a sea of umbrellas, breathe out and relax. There are beanbags to lounge on and striped deckchairs to snag for a couple of minutes or an hour, while you admire the city views and watch the passing parade of Melburnians going about their business. All while maintaining a safe social distance.

Most locals will know there is a number of excellent eateries surrounding Federation Square, including Taxi Kitchen, Chocolate Buddha, Mama's Canteen and Beer Deluxe. To make the most of Fed Oasis, visitors will be able to order food from any of the restaurants and cafes and have it delivered to their sunny spot.

To liven things up on certain evenings, Fed Square will be providing free entertainment. A series of classic films, including ***Jaws, The Blue Lagoon*** and ***The Castle***, are being screened as part of an outdoor cinema experience. Live music from legendary local talent will be a regular feature, and major sporting events, including the AFLW and the AFL, will be shown on the Big Screen. There's also a series of free classes on offer, from cocktail making to yoga, making Fed Oasis Melbourne's best spot for wallet-friendly fun.

+ **fedsquare.com.au**

Get Out and About

Ready to explore parts of Melbourne you've never seen, whether because you've never had time or not been able to work out how to get to them? ***Around and About Tours*** is a family-owned business, with guides who know a lot about the state and are more than happy to customise adventures for groups of friends and family. The In and Around Melbourne itinerary includes the beach boxes at Brighton, historic Williamstown and more. Head down to Torquay to take a surfing lesson, combine a visit to Healesville Sanctuary with a tasting at a Yarra Valley winery, or take a few days and make tracks on the Great Ocean Road.
+ **aroundandabout.com.au**

The Great Ocean Road, Around and About Tours

IceBar Melbourne

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Get rugged up before you head inside Australia's only ice bar. It's the perfect place to cosy up with a date, party with friends or chill with the family! Special offer: **10% off Deluxe Entry. Includes snow gear, cocktail and a shot. Use code deluxe10.**

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The Atrium, Federation Square, Melbourne
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Tram: Route 35, 70 or 75 to stop D3 **Train:** To Southern Cross Station
Schedule: Visit portphillipferries.com.au for the most up-to-date schedule.

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Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

Reconnect with nature in an inner-city oasis. Home to breathtaking landscapes, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne is considered among the world's finest botanic gardens.

Venture inside to explore curated Living Collections and discover specimens from across the globe, as well as rare native species. Wander between succulents erupting from the earth at Guilfoyle's Volcano (pictured) and step beneath the lush canopy in Fern Gully. Or simply roll out a picnic rug by Ornamental Lake and spend your day relaxing.

Tram: Route 3, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67 or 72 to stop 19

Open: Daily, 7.30am until 7.30pm

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne,
Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne

w rbg.vic.gov.au
p 03 9252 2429
Find us on:

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

*T&C: Valid for adult and child tickets only. Cannot be redeemed with any other offer.

Melbourne River Cruises

Enjoy sightseeing or a trip to Williamstown and discover the best of what Melbourne has to offer.

Yarra Sightseeing Cruises: One- or two-hour cruises. Daily from 10.15am – 4pm departing every 30 mins.
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Spirit of Melbourne Cruising Restaurants

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+ Entrée tasting platter
+ Main course (one selection per guest)
+ Dessert platter
+ Cheese tasting platter
+ Tea, coffee and chocolates
+ Premium selection of Victorian red, white and sparkling wines, beers and spirits
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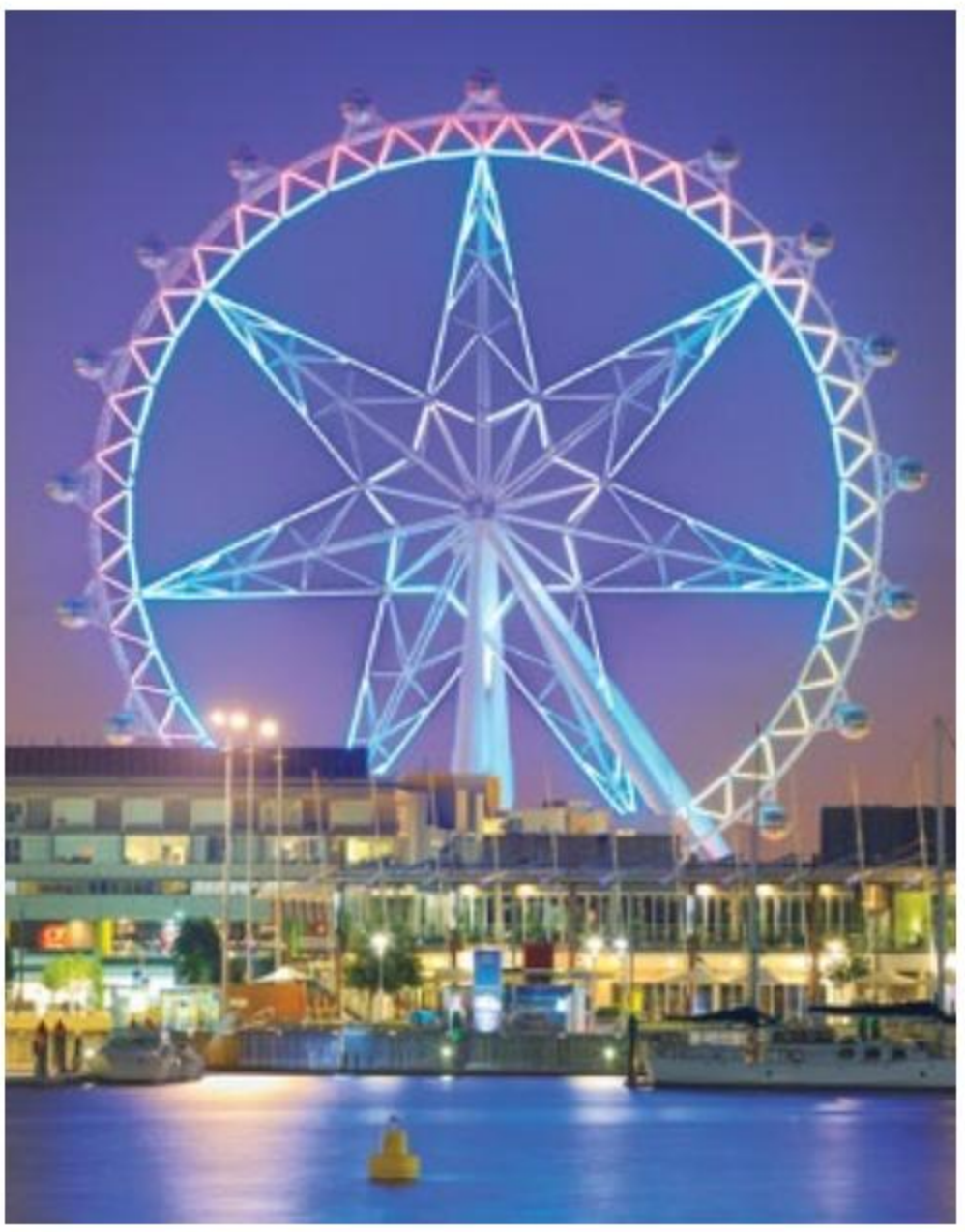

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MELBOURNE STAR OBSERVATION WHEEL

Top 10

Wondering what to get up to this season? Here are our must-do experiences.

1 Take a Tipple

Discover the flavours of Australia's craft gin industry at award-winning ***Anther***'s new Geelong location. Enjoy tasting flights, as well as seasonal and specialty cocktails, or join a tour of the distillery to learn about the making of this popular spirit.
+ **anther.com.au**

2 Stay in Luxury

Melbourne's latest five-star digs, ***W Melbourne***, is certainly worth a visit. Stay in one of its exceptional rooms or take a seat at one of the four daring restaurants and bars. It's the perfect spot for a staycation or to catch up with friends.
+ **marriott.com.au**

3 Fine French Style

Boasting 1920s elegance in the style of classic Parisian brasseries, ***Hemingway's Wine Room*** is the newest kid on East Melbourne's dining scene. With wine flowing from magnums and dishes inspired by the flavours of Europe, this venue is sure to please.
+ **hemingwayswineroom.com.au**

4 A Smash Hit

Up your game with non-stop action and entertainment at the ***Australian Open***, where amazing things can be experienced both on and off the court. With bars, restaurants and a place to sit back and take in all Melbourne has to offer, good times are always at play.
+ **ausopen.com**

5 It's a Succulent Life

A world of cacti and other drought-resistant specimens awaits at the ***Royal Botanic Gardens***' revamped Arid Garden. With more than 3,000 plants, including 400 different species, you're sure to be impressed, regardless of whether or not you are a foliage enthusiast.
+ **rbg.vic.gov.au**

6 Immerse in Art

Transcend through time and space on a journey through the works of Vincent van Gogh at ***The Lume Melbourne*** this autumn. Experience the powerful and vibrant symphony of light, colour and sound as you are immersed in the paintings, realising them like never before.
+ **thelume.com**

7 A Touch of Magic

Everyone's favourite wizard is back, with ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*** having returned to the stage at the Princess Theatre. Expect epic duels, extraordinary spells and beloved characters brought to life.
+ **harrypottertheplay.com/au**

8 Movies and More

Take a journey through the past, present and future of the moving image at the newly reimagined ***ACMI***. *The Story of the Moving Image* exhibition brings the theatre to the museum in a multisensory, immersive, interactive exploration of an art form that changed the world.
+ **acmi.net.au**

9 Take It Outside

Melbourne's outdoor dining spaces are vibing right now. Try one of the newest of the bunch, ***The Commons*** on St Kilda Road. Set in lush gardens, this cafe and wine bar is one of the city's most Instagram-worthy spots.
+ **ormondcollective.net.au/the-commons**

10 By the River

Join an Indigenous guide from the ***Koorie Heritage Trust*** for the hour-long Birrarung Wilam Walk, where you'll learn about the Aboriginal history of Birrarung Marr (its name means 'beside the river of mists') and its significance as a gathering place.
+ **koorieheritagetrust.com.au**

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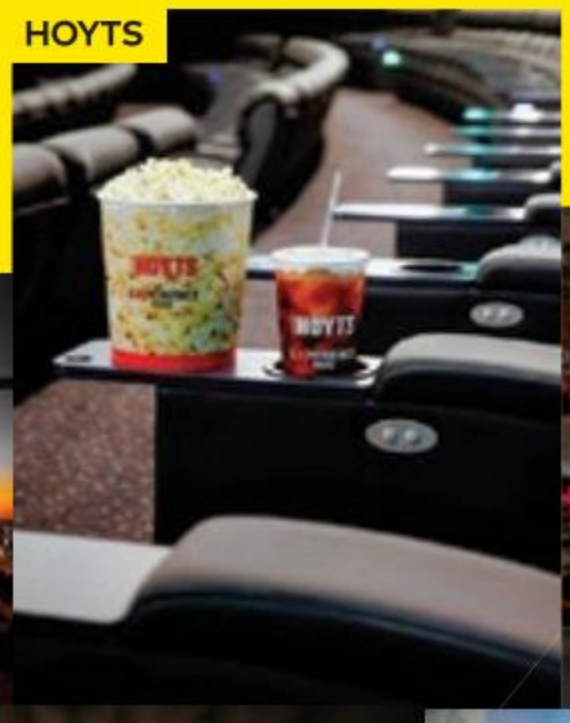

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Arts & Culture

As the city returns, it's never been more important to support the artists and performers who bring creativity to our world.

Now's the time to get out, have a great time and expand your mind as well. There are still many live stream and virtual exhibitions and performances taking place, whether your tastes run to the lo-fi antics of Brunswick East Entertainment Festival's ***The Wholesome Hour*** on IGTV or the gritty, immersive experience that is the audio recording of ***Loaded***, which was meant to close Malthouse Theatre's 2020 season. Plus, many of Melbourne's arts institutions are reopening for socially distanced shows and exhibitions.

Right: Fender Katsalidis Architects Buxton Big Screen, digital screen, 2018. Featuring: Kate Mitchell In Time, high definition digital video, colour, 16:9, silent, 24 hours,2015. Photograph: James Geer.

Art for the People

There's no need to head to the gallery to fill your eyes with artistic inspiration. Of course, Melbourne is famed for its street art, but you'll be in awe of the public art on offer. Get out in the sun and follow the ***Melbourne Public Art Trail***. Start at Ron Robertson-Swann's folded yellow sculpture ***Vault*** outside the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA) before taking in video art, epic sculptures, statues and a planted grassland. There's a downloadable map on the ACCA website. At Docklands, 66 artworks by names including Callum Morton and Rone dot the waterside precinct.
+ **acca.melbourne**

Buxton Contemporary Big Screen

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Moulin Rouge! The Musical

The Corner Hotel

Music to Your Ears

It still might be a while before we're filling band rooms and concert venues, but live music is returning to Melbourne. ***Melbourne Symphony Orchestra*** is taking it outdoors for three free concerts in February at Sidney Myer Music Bowl to launch its 2021 season. Some venues, including St Kilda's ***Memo Music Hall***, are innovating with shows featuring artists like Kate Ceberano that have a small audience as well as a live stream. Look out for Melbourne's newest festival, ***RISING*** (26 May–6 June). It takes the place of the Melbourne International Arts Festival in 2021, and will feature music, performance and public art throughout the city.

+ **mso.com.au**
+ **memomusichall.com.au**
+ **rising.melbourne**

Book Now or Join the Waitlist

One of the best ways to support the arts community is to book tickets for upcoming productions. On now is the highly regarded, ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child***. Book your tickets or join the weekly lottery to see everyone's favourite wizard come to life at the Princess Theatre. Also coming in 2021 is ***Moulin Rouge! The Musical***. Join the waitlist to keep up to date about this much anticipated production at the newly refurbished Regent Theatre. Tickets to ***The Wedding Singer: The Musical Comedy*** based on the 1998 Adam Sandler/Drew Barrymore flick are now on sale, while comedian and musician ***Tim Minchin*** is bringing his postponed tour ***BACK*** to Hamer Hall (1-3 July), performing songs from his entire eclectic repertoire.

+ **harrypottertheplay.com/au**
+ **moulinrougemusical.com.au**
+ **weddingsingermusical.com.au**
+ **artscentremelbourne.com.au**

Lend Your Support

It was a tough year for all who work in the arts industry, and the best way to help out is to get behind them. How? Keep hold of your tickets for shows that are being rescheduled, rather than asking for a refund. Go to ***Bandcamp*** and buy music and merch from your favourite local bands. Purchase tickets for upcoming gigs and livestreamed shows. Become a member of your favourite art gallery or subscribe to a theatre company's new season. You can also donate to ***Support Act***, a charity that provides crisis relief to artists, performers and music industry professionals. It has set up a COVID-19 Emergency Appeal page.

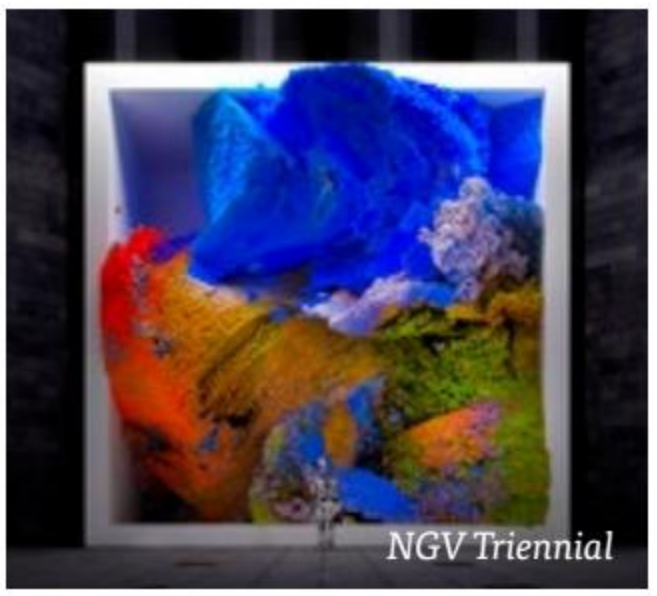
+ **bandcamp.com**
+ **supportact.org.au**

A New Dawn

Rediscover some of our finest cultural attractions.

NGV International

While the big event this season is ***NGV Triennial***, there's a whole lot more going on at the St Kilda Road institution. ***NGV Triennial EXTRA*** will see performance and dance go on late into the night throughout February.
+ **ngv.vic.gov.au**



NGV Triennial

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Live At The Bowl

Arts Centre Melbourne

With performances once again starting to be announced, Melbourne's premier arts venue is springing back to life. The biggest news is the transformation of the ***Sidney Myer Music Bowl*** into a COVID-safe venue and its ***Live At The Bowl*** summer festival, featuring more than 20 performances.
+ **liveatthebowl.com.au**

Mini Mega Model Museum

Melbourne Museum

Check out the new exhibition, ***Mini Mega Model Museum***, as well as everyone's favourite galleries, like the Dinosaur Walk and Bugs Alive. The piazza outside will also come to life with the Melbourne Museum Summer Plaza series. Think movies, performances and entertainment for all ages.
+ **museumsvictoria.com.au**

ACMI

ACMI

After a $40 million makeover, ACMI is once again welcoming guests. There are more interactive elements than ever before, especially in the amazing new permanent exhibition, ***The Story of the Moving Image***.
+ **acmi.net.au**

State Library Victoria

Explore the awe-inspiring spaces and galleries within, from the magnificent La Trobe Reading Room that feels like something out of a Harry Potter movie to the Ian Potter Queen's Hall.
+ **slv.vic.gov.au**

ACCA

For lovers of contemporary art, there's no better place to be. Check out *Overlapping Magisteria* (until 15 March), for which five artists have created ambitious new works. Melbourne-based sculptor Isadora Vaughan's multisensory installation encourages viewers to connect more deeply with the natural environment.
+ **acca.melbourne**

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The State of Art

If you've ever wondered what was on the minds of the world's pre-eminent artists and designers, the NGV Triennial (until 18 April) offers an in-depth and dazzling insight.

In this, the second incarnation of the event, the work of more than a hundred extraordinary creatives from across the globe is now on show. The exhibition focuses on four main themes – Illumination, Reflection, Conservation and Speculation – and a huge variety of forms, from architecture to tapestry, is represented.

One of the most incredible aspects of this huge artistic undertaking is that more than 30 of the works on show have been commissioned by the NGV for the event and are making their world premiere. These include work by Adam Nathaniel Furman and Sibling Architecture that draws on the design vocabularies of the nightclub, bedroom and salon to transform the Gallery Kitchen cafe.

Pieces by Australian artists – Liam Young's 15-minute animated short film ***Planet City*** and Glenda Nicholls' huge, hand-knotted fishing net that celebrates the skills and knowledge of generations of Indigenous fishermen, among others – are strongly represented, but the big names will be on display, too.

Julian Opie's work consisting of 20 LED screens is positioned on St Kilda Road. Japanese architect Kengo Kuma has collaborated with Melbourne artist Geoffrey Nees to create a pavilion and walkway to view a newly acquired painting by South Korean artist Lee Ufan. And Jeff Koons brings his larger-than-life, mirror-polished statue of the goddess of love, *Venus*.

+ **ngv.vic.gov.au**

*Top: **Porky Hefer (designer), Southern Guild, Cape Town (fabricator)**, Porky Hefer with Flat white designed 2019, manufactured 2020 from the Plastocene – Marine Mutants from a Disposable World 2020, leather, faux leather, sheepskin, plywood, foam, steel, 265.0 x 215.0 x 196.0 cm Frame manufacturer: Streetwires, Assembly and upholstery: Wolf & Maiden Creative Studio, Commissioned by the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne*
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Behind the Music

This is the place to discover the stories behind the songs the whole country loves. ***The Australian Music Vault*** is part of Arts Centre Melbourne, and it is home to some of the greatest memorabilia in Australian rock and pop history. See Chrissy Amphlett's famous schoolgirl dress and the Grammy won by Helen Reddy for 'I Am Woman'. Listen to the stories behind hit tracks, and stroll through the ARIA Hall of Fame. Revered singer-songwriter Archie Roach was inducted last year, and a celebration of his life and work is now on show.

+ **australianmusicvault.com.au**

Life's a Symphony

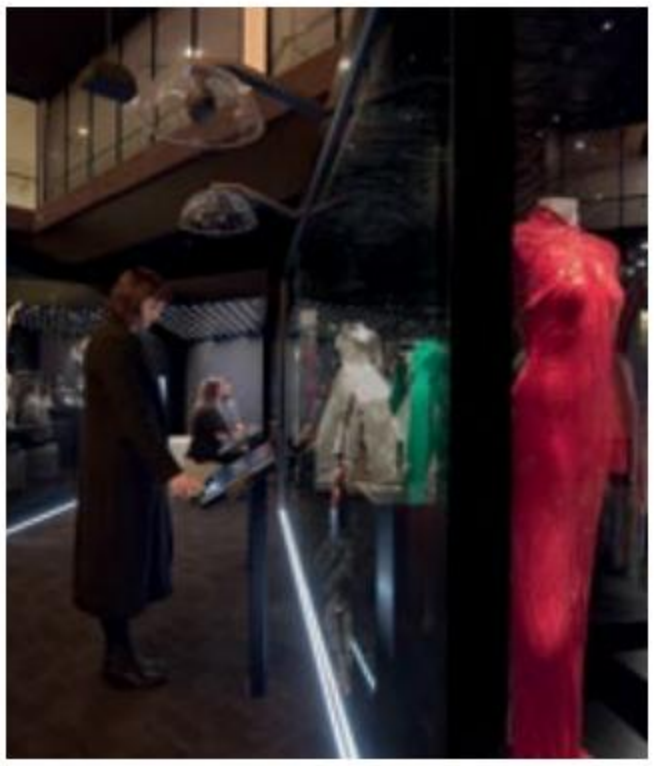
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra has launched its new year and there's something for all music lovers. Among the stunning line-up you'll find a Chinese New Year celebration (13 February), featuring violin prodigy Christian Li, and a collaboration with soul band The Bamboos (12–13 March). Jazz masters Carl Mackey, Carl Morgan, Sam Anning and Ben Vanderwal join the MSO for ***Metropolis: Blood On the Floor*** (9 April), a work by Mark-Anthony Turnage that blends genres in a striking, melancholy mix.

+ **mso.com.au**

Discovering Identity

Melbourne is a city with residents whose families have come from all over the world – some hundreds of years ago and others far more recently. Through its exhibitions, the ***Immigration Museum*** tells the story of those who were here and those who arrived, about why they decided to come to Australia and what led them to leave their own countries. New to the spaces is ***Forget the Stereotypes***, a filmic exploration of contemporary international students in Melbourne, and ***Becoming You: An incomplete guide***, which includes the coming-of-age stories of 72 Australians, including writer Alice Pung, astrophysicist Alan Duffy and footballer Jason Johannisen.

+ **museumsvictoria.com.au**



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Melbourne Theatre Company

Melbourne's home of theatre returns to the stage in 2021 for a year presented in two acts. From a summer series of special events in Act 1, to a suite of new Australian plays and international hits in Act 2, there's never been a better time to visit Melbourne Theatre Company. See what's on during your stay and discover more at ***mtc.com.au***.

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Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra is back on stage and now online, launching ***MSO.LIVE***. This exciting new digital platform brings virtual concerts, special events and musical experiences from the MSO, Australian arts companies and some of the world's great orchestras to a membership of music lovers.

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Eat & Drink

Rediscover the city's culinary gems, from the first coffee of the day to last drinks long after the sun goes down.

Melbourne's dining scene has long been its shining light, but it looks a little different now. Laneways have been revitalised and parking spaces taken over to allow cafes, restaurants and bars to spill outside and allow patrons to enjoy the long days and glorious weather. Head to a rooftop bar and you're likely to discover it's now a place where you can eat an exquisite meal as well. There's also an air of excitement lingering, as people start to feel as though life is returning to normal and are able to enjoy their favourite places and discover new ones. Just remember, you do need to book to ensure you snag a table.

Take It Outside

Take a peek down Meyers Place and you'll feel as though you're in Europe, with a striped awning and linen-covered tables welcoming diners at Argentinian steakhouse ***San Telmo***. Feast on steaks, seafood and vegetables cooked over the parrilla, just as they are in Buenos Aires. It's the same story in Heffernan Lane, where family-run Greek restaurant ***Tsindos***, with its plates of meze and grilled skewered meats, has added umbrellas and pots full of flowers to its outdoor dining space. ***Bomba Rooftop*** has long been a favourite for sunset drinks, but you can now also sit down to chef Jesse Gerner's set Spanish menus.

+ **santelmo.com.au**
+ **tsindosrestaurant.com.au**
+ **bombabar.com.au**

Top Marks

Special occasions call for special restaurants, and there are many in Melbourne that win chef hats and accolades. ***Attica*** has even hit the World's 50 Best Restaurants list, thanks to chef Ben Shewry's commitment to local produce, including growing his own, and innovative techniques. *Gourmet Traveller* awarded ***Di Stasio Cittá*** its Best New Restaurant Award last year. Expect all-day, classic Italian flavours in a minimalist space. If you want to take it up a notch without blowing the budget, *Time Out* named ***Ima Project Cafe*** as its favourite cafe. Amazing Japanese flavours, including some infused into more traditional cafe fare like a brekky bun and mushroom toastie, make this a daytime spot with a difference.

+ **attica.com.au**
+ **distasio.com.au**
+ **imacafe.co**

Coffee Culture

If you just want to get in and out, ***Patricia*** serves coffee in one size and three types: filter, black and white. The Slayer gets a good workout at ***The League of Honest Coffee***, but you can also choose cold drip, batch brew and other means of brewing. Its breakfast pides are ace. Pastel-hued ***Vacation*** is also in the running for Melbourne's best coffee. It roasts its own beans, and serves up simple, tasty breakfast and lunch options.

+ **patriciacoffee.com.au**
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+ **vacationcoffee.com.au**

Vacation

Fresh Is Best

Everyone's looking to the great outdoors for dining, so it's the perfect opportunity to pack a basket for a picnic in the park. You can find everything you could possibly want to eat – freshly baked breads, cheese, fruit, fresh prawns, olives, wine and much more – at ***Queen Victoria Market***. You can even grab gözleme or snag a *sando* (Japanese sandwich) from one of the cafes for a quick lunch. Just outside of the city, head to ***South Melbourne Market*** or ***Prahran Market*** to stock up on the freshest ingredients and takeaway food.

+ **qvm.com.au**
+ **southmelbournemarket.com.au**
+ **prahranmarket.com.au**

South Melbourne Market

It's a **Gin Thing**

Patient Wolf Distillery *Images: Dean Schmideg*

Dave Irwin and Matt Argus

When they launched the business four years ago, Dave Irwin and Matt Argus of Patient Wolf Distilling Co worked from a Brunswick warehouse in Melbourne's north, but it wasn't big enough to house their ambitions. In December 2019, they moved to Southbank into a far more visitor-friendly space.

"Now we have a bar, and a place where we can tell people more about the distillery," says head distiller Dave. "We wanted to feed our brand, but having a bar allows us to portray how we want to be seen and how we want the drinks to be made."
Those wanting to get a taste of Patient Wolf can order a gin flight and have someone explain how each is made and their unique characteristics. Patient Wolf's Melbourne Dry is its classic offering. "It's a good all-rounder," Dave explains. "We vapour infuse with grapefruit and orange, and it's made in the London Dry style, so there's a lot of juniper and coriander, and a few more interesting botanicals like aniseed myrtle and tonka beans from Brazil and Venezuela. They add some marzipan and bitter almond, but give the gin a good viscosity as well."

Join one of Patient Wolf's masterclasses and you can taste that variety as well as Summer Thyme, perfect for pouring G&Ts, and Blackthorn, a version of sloe gin created for cocktail makers. Also included is a tour of the distillery.
+ **patientwolfgin.com**

Cibi

Smith & Daughters

Matt Stone and Jo Barrett Kaitlyn Wilton

Turning Japanese

In Japan, ***Cibi*** means 'a little one', and for Meg and Zenta Tanaka it is just that. Cibi, a Japanese cafe and homewares store in the back streets of Collingwood, is their baby. Opened in 2008, it blends Japanese sensibilities with parts of the Australian lifestyle the pair (Meg is from Okayama in Japan and Zenta is from Adelaide) have come to love. In 2018, they relocated the original concept store into a much larger, neighbouring warehouse. It was a move that has allowed far more guests to enjoy the weekend breakfast plate with omelette, grilled salmon and seasonal vegetables, shop for Japanese groceries and browse the gorgeous homewares and ceramics.

+ **cibi.com.au**

The Good Fight

She's Melbourne's poster girl for vegan dining, slowly converting even the staunchest of carnivores into plant-based fans. Shannon Martinez is on a mission and creating quite the buzz, from her much-loved Melbourne restaurants ***Smith & Daughters*** and ***Smith & Deli***, to appearing on ***Masterchef***, writing a cookbook, and being the first vegan chef to speak at Ireland's Food on the Edge, the world's largest food symposium. In September last year, Shannon revealed she'd been diagnosed with breast cancer, but she's taken the news in her positive stride and is developing a "cooking for chemo" book. "It's to help people make the most of their good days, and to help them get something in the freezer for days when they feel like s%$#," she says.

+ **smithanddaughters.com**

A Perfect Pair

They're renowned for their commitment to sustainability and zero waste and now chefs Matt Stone and Jo Barrett have taken their formidable skills to Joost Bakker's latest project. This one, located on Fed Square's River Terrace, is ***Greenhouse by Joost***. Stone and Bakker are long-term collaborators, and this 87-square-metre self-sustaining, closed-loop, combined home and urban farm is their latest gig. The chefs moved in last year and the project is now in full swing, with the residents growing absolutely everything they eat. They've been pickling and preserving ingredients from the garden and have even been using crickets and snails to make a fermented sauce called garum.

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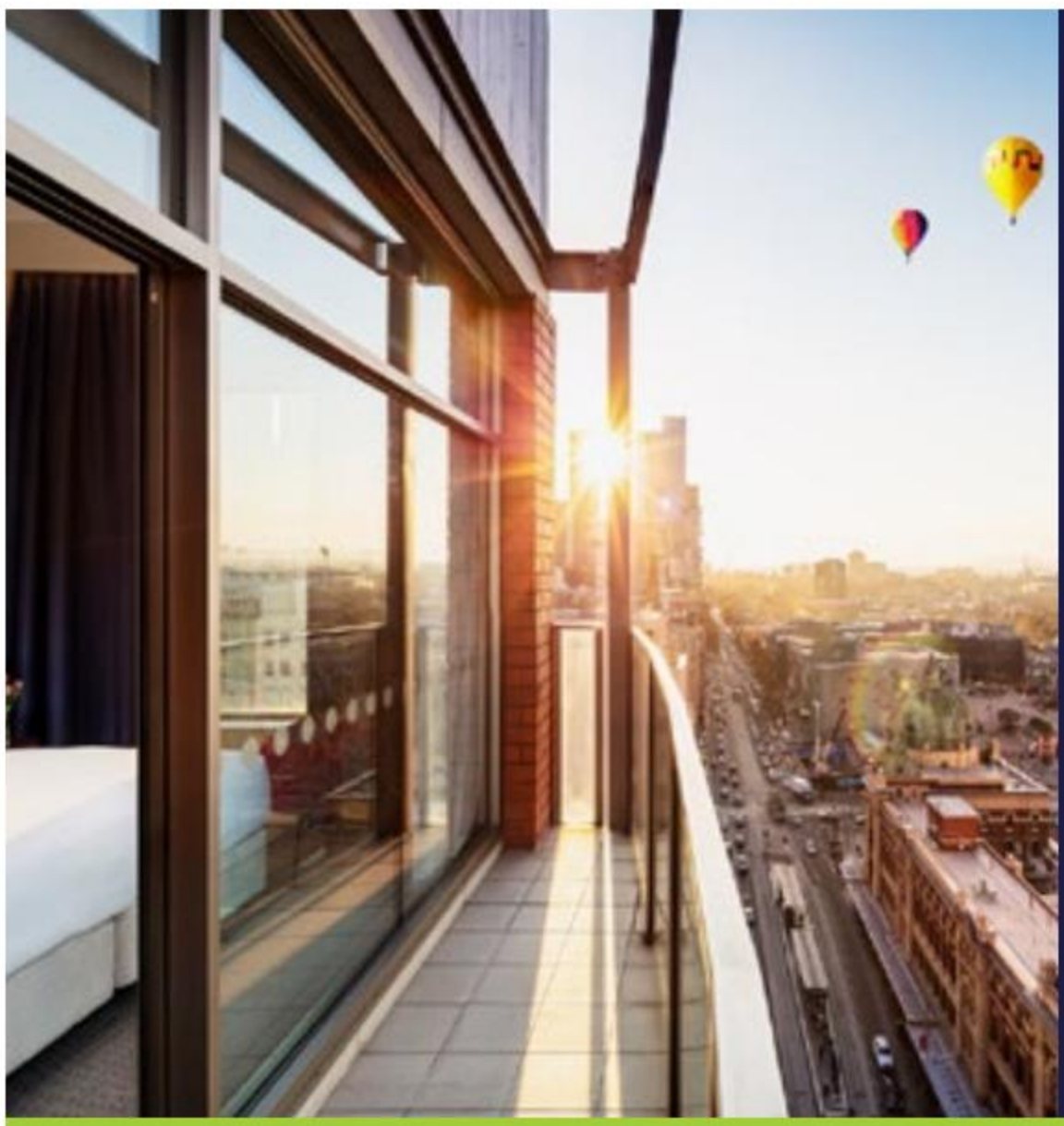

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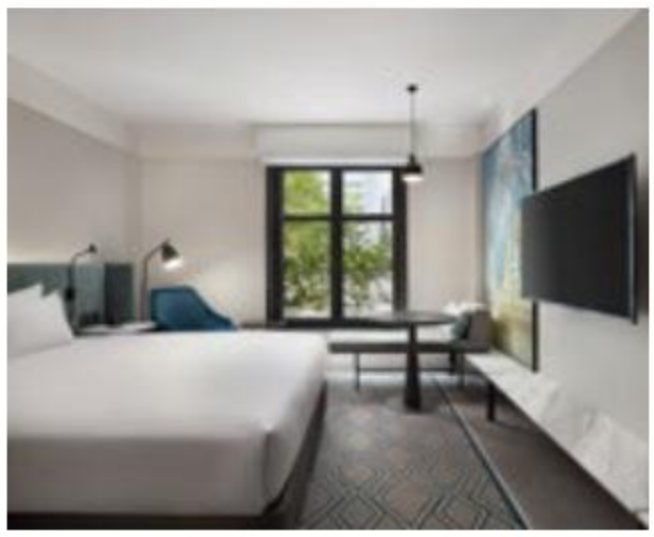
New Kid in Town

Stay in style at Hilton Melbourne Little Queen Street, a stylish new addition to the city's hotel scene.

Heritage architecture and contemporary design come together at Hilton's newest five-star arrival. The historical property – once the city's Equity Chambers – has been reimagined by local design firm Bates Smart to connect the past with twenty-first century Melbourne.

Local Charm

The building, with its Romanesque and Gothic styles, is heritage listed, so original features were restored to their former glory. Added to the structure was a 16-level tower to create 244 exceptional guest rooms and suites. Melbourne street artist collective Juddy Roller has curated a local collection for both inside and out, including a mural by Kitt Bennett at the laneway entrance. More local collaborations include coffee by Dukes Coffee Roasters, Hunter Lab premium hotel bath amenities and handmade treats by Atypic Chocolate.



On the Menu

Bringing even more flair to Hilton Melbourne Little Queen Street are two additions to Melbourne's world-class dining scene. Taking inspiration from the city's European migrants who arrived in the 1950s, chef Sam Moore takes control of the pans at Luci restaurant, with its modern Australian menu accented with hints of Italian and European culinary traditions. The Douglas Club, meanwhile, celebrates the energy and glamour of the golden age of travel through its contemporary take on a classic cocktail bar.

+ **melbournelittlequeenstreet.hilton.com**
social media: @hiltonmelbournelqs

Gorman, Brunswick Street Josie Withers

Shop

Of course, buying online offers a certain simplicity, but there's nothing quite like browsing a store, being able to touch the goods and discovering new favourites.

Melbourne is renowned for its artistic sensibility. You can see it everywhere you go, with murals decorating laneways, on theatre stages and in galleries large and small. It's also there in the huge variety of retail outlets. Fashion is an obvious drawcard, whether you're a fan of streetwear pieces or prefer to sport a more avant-garde edge. But it doesn't end there. Melbourne makers are renowned for a creativity that will liven up your home, your tastebuds or a friend's day if they're having a rough one. Before you head off, pull on your comfiest shoes, because you'll be putting in the stylish miles.

The Shopping Districts

Start by exploring the city streets – the east end of the city is the place for luxe designer names, but the laneways and arcades are home to many hidden gems. Then, if you're looking for even more options, you can spread your search into neighbouring precincts, each of which has its own personality. For vintage finds and avant-garde local designs, head to Gertrude Street and Smith Street in Fitzroy. High-street style is what you'll find on Chapel Street in South Yarra, but if you're looking for a combination of high-end Australian designers and couture, head to High Street in Armadale.

+ **chapelstreet.com.au**
+ **highstreetarmadale.com.au**

Market Treasures

Open all weekend, Fitzroy's ***Rose Street Artists' Market*** is a place to source amazing pieces of art, fashion, homewares and jewellery. Stop and chat to the artists about their creations and, if you can't find what you want, commission a piece. ***South Melbourne Market*** is known for its fresh produce, but it's also home to ***SO:ME Space***, where makers sell their funky fashion, art and accessories in permanent and pop-up stalls. Handmade goods, from art to freshly baked delicacies, are the drawcard of the ***Sunday Market***, held on the lawn of Arts Centre Melbourne. There are 80 stalls to explore and live music to enjoy.

+ **rosestmarket.com.au**
+ **southmelbournemarket.com.au**
+ **artscentremelbourne.com.au**

All In Fashion

You don't need to look to international designers for incredible style. Local label ***Ess Laboratory*** creates handcrafted, layered garments from carefully sourced Japanese fabrics. Exuberant prints and joyous colours are the hallmarks of ***ELK***'s collections. Team them with the company's sculptural accessories, bags and shoes. Wear your values when you buy t-shirts, jumpers and accessories from ***Clothing the Gap***. This local Indigenous-owned business uses the brand to campaign, educate and elevate Aboriginal people's voices.

+ **ess-laboratory.com**
+ **elkthelabel.com**
+ **clothingthegap.com.au**

Local Treasures

There's never been a better time to choose local. A wealth of edible options is on offer at ***Clementine's***, where everything is made in Victoria. Local honey from Melbourne roofs, capers grown in the High Country, condiments from King Valley and much more is ready for your basket. Find everything you could possibly want embossed with Melbourne designs – cushions featuring Skipping Girl, scarves printed with the Royal Exhibition Building, guitar picks stamped with a tram – at ***The Melbourne Store by Lumbi***. Quirky Melbourne designs on cards, tea towels, tote bag and mugs are created by the fun (and funny) ***Able and Game***.

+ **clementines.com.au**
+ **lumbi.com.au**
+ **ableandgame.com**

Rose St Artists' Market @hannakinart

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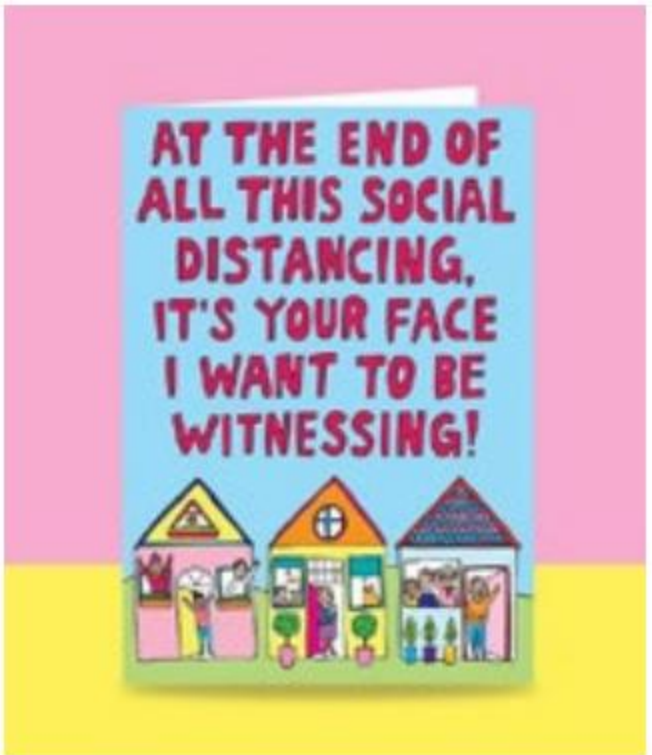

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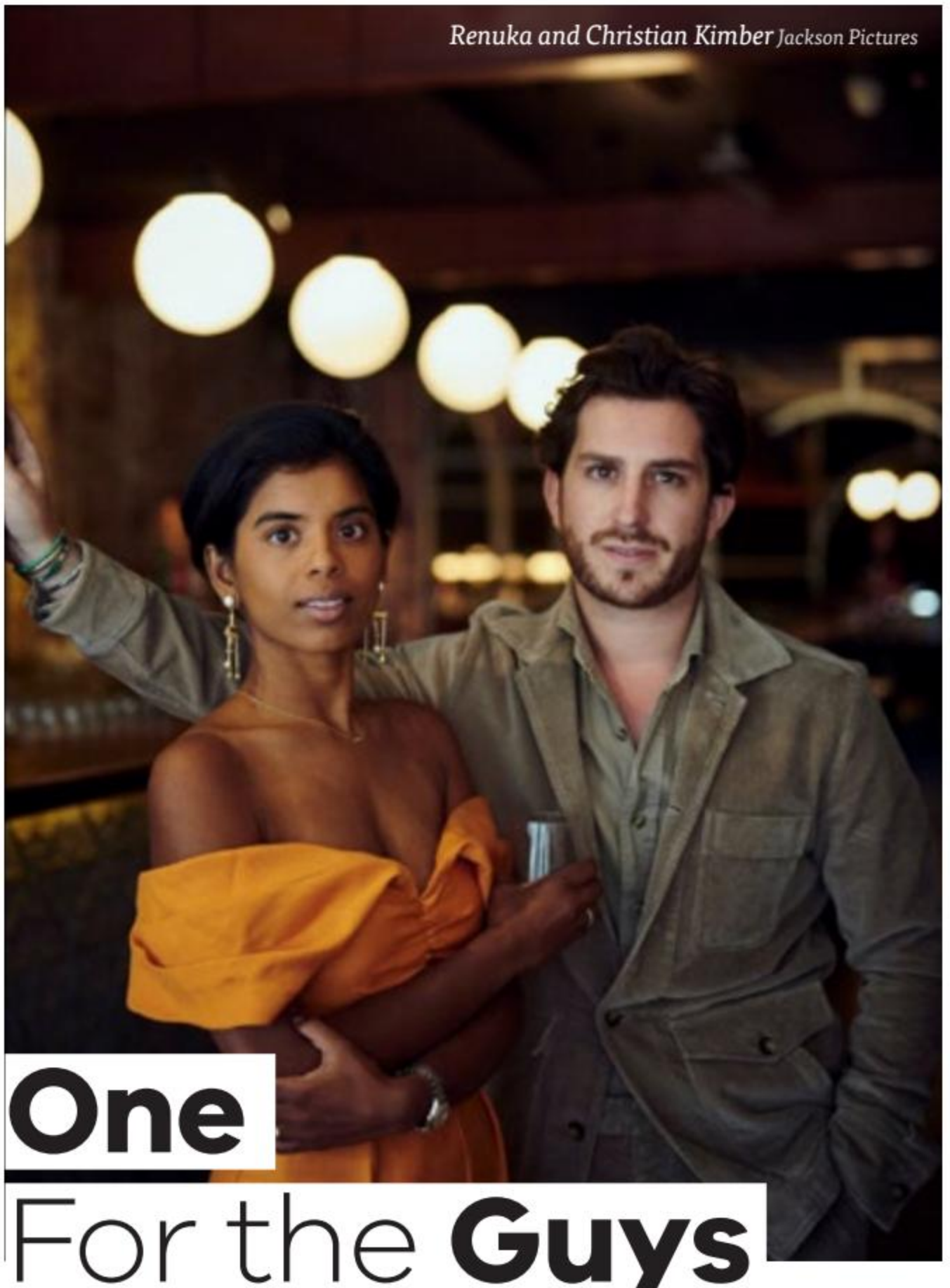


Renuka and Christian Kimber Jackson Pictures

One For the Guys

Vol 2 - Point Addis Jackson Gallagher

If you think men sometimes draw the short straw when it comes to fashion, check out the classic, stylish pieces on offer from label Christian Kimber.

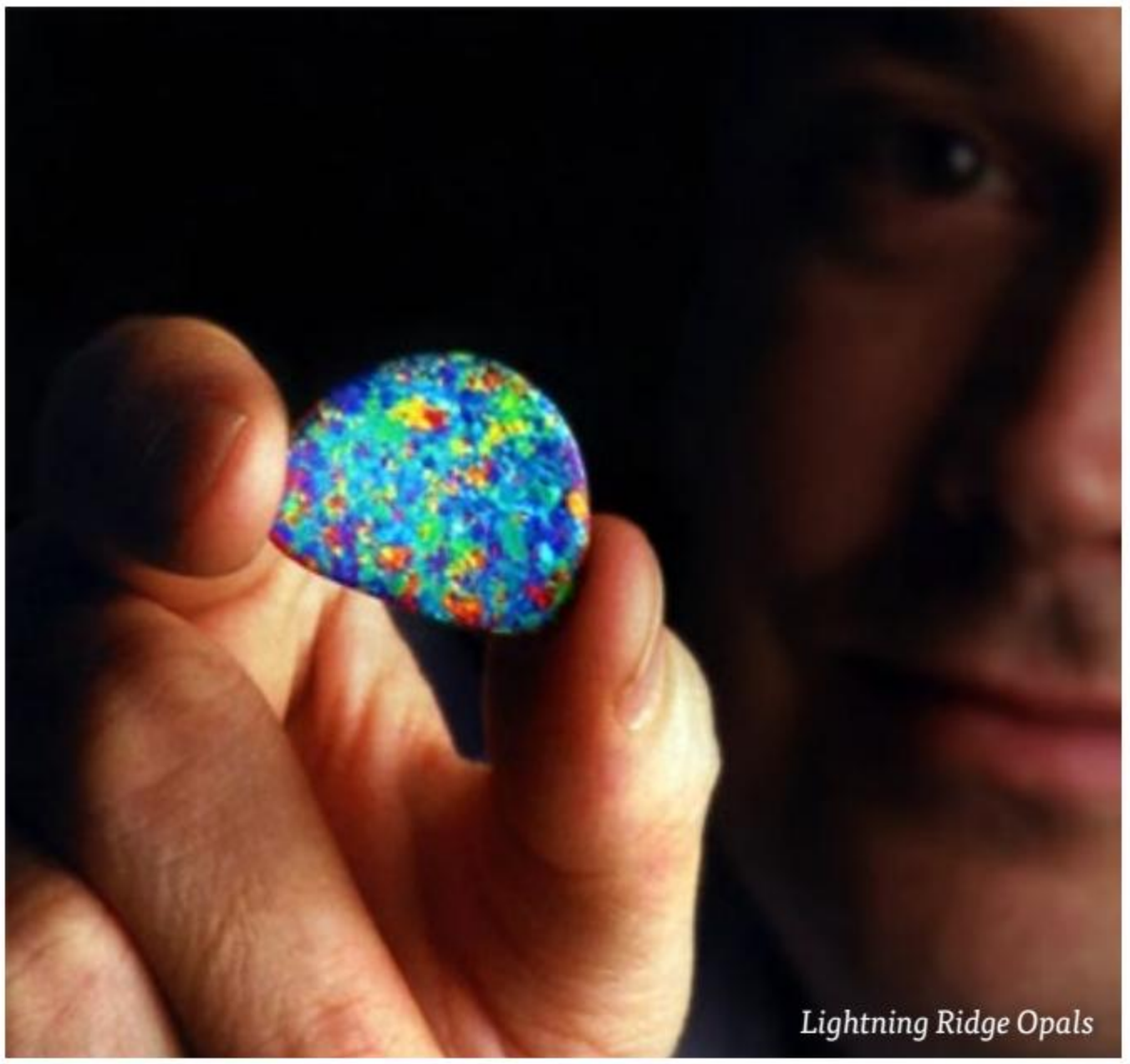
Having grown up and studied fashion in the UK, Christian met his Australian wife Renuka in London. When she decided to return to Melbourne in 2014, he came with her and started his label with a small capsule collection of footwear and accessories. Such was the response from both local and overseas buyers, he was able to quickly grow the business.

Now there's a bricks-and-mortar store in Fitzroy and stockists around the world. "Our creativity is driven by the people, lifestyle and values of Melbourne," says Christian. "More than most other cities, our tastes are influenced by the season, whether that manifests in the climate, produce, cultural festivals or outdoor activities.

"We create to meet the ever-evolving needs of our clients in the context of this constant change; to redefine the concept of modern Australian menswear, with high-quality collections that reflect our unique way of life here."

What that means for the stylish Melbourne man about town is well-made pieces – from a classic polo shirt made using Italian linen to contemporary sneakers with recycled rubber soles – that will take him just about anywhere and last for many years to come.

+ **christiankimber.com**


Lightning Ridge Opals

A Total Gem

The Le Souëf family has a history in Australia that dates back to 1838, but it was Nick Le Souëf who changed the family's fortune when he began spending time on outback opal fields more than half a century ago. He discovered the gemstone was his passion, and left university to mine and cut opals fulltime. He then opened ***Lightning Ridge Opals*** in Elizabeth Street, a store his children Jonas and Atheka still run. Visitors can learn about opals and the processes they go through, as well as check out the shop's other attractions: a small zoo of Australian wildlife, including blue-tongue lizards, red-back spiders and scorpions.

+ **opals.net.au**

The Tea Rooms 1892

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w thetearooms1892.com.au **Find us on:** f

The Rose St. Artists' Market

Found in the heart of eclectic Fitzroy, The Rose St. Artists' Market showcases everything from quirky homewares and stunning fashion through to intricate jewellery and unique paintings. So if you're a lover of all things handmade then look no further. Come along and experience it for yourself.

Tram: Number 11 or 96 from city to stop 16

Open: Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 4pm

60 Rose Street, Fitzroy
t 03 9419 5529 **w** rosestmarket.com.au **Find us on:** f

High Strung Guitars

Instrumental Change

Music plays a massive role in the life of Melbourne, but if you've ever struggled to find an instrument to suit your personal style, talk to Kim Wiley. He makes cigar box guitars like those from America's Deep South in the nineteenth century. He made his first cigar box guitar about six years ago and was hooked. "From a very young age, music has been part of my life," he says. "The thing I really love about making these is I use bits of scrap, and can upcycle stuff that probably would have got chucked in the bin." You can find Kim and his handmade guitars at the Rose Street Artists' Market.

+ **highstrungguitars.bigcartel.com**

Brother Hatters, Queen Victoria Market

Straight To the Top

With a family background in fashion and a passion for hats, it's not surprising Lei Lu decided to get creative and launch ***Brother Hatters***. The other brother in question, Juhyun Kang, isn't related by birth, but the pair have known one another for more than a decade and many people mistake them for twins. "We thought Brother Hatters would be a fabulous name for our business," says Lei. "Even though we are not actual siblings, we are still the best of mates." Head to their stall at Queen Victoria Market and you can check out the full range of chapeaux, which includes everything from baseball caps to straw hats.

+ **brotherhatters.com** + **qvm.com.au**

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Venture Melbourne

Each one has its own personality ready to be discovered when you head out and about in Melbourne's neighbourhoods.

Johnny's Green Room

Centre for Contemporary Photography

Lune Croissanterie

Carlton

There are still vestiges of its roots as Melbourne's Italian neighbourhood, but there's so much more to this increasingly diverse neighbourhood. Of course, we can't go past the garden party vibes and Italian influences on the rooftop of ***Johnny's Green Room***. It's the perfect place to discuss the arthouse movie you just saw at ***Cinema Nova***. Afterwards, grab a scoop of small-batch gelato from ***Pidapipó***.

+ **johnnysgreenroom.com**
+ **cinemanova.com.au**
+ **pidapipo.com**

Fitzroy

This vast suburb packs a fun punch. The best way to explore it is to arrive in the afternoon, checking out a gallery like the ***Centre for Contemporary Photography***, which showcases the best established and upcoming snappers from Australia and around the world, before moseying down Smith Street. Stop for a bowl of nourishing noodle soup at ***Shop Ramen*** – there's even a vegan version if that's your thing. Then it's onwards and upwards for cocktails made from Australian spirits at ***Bad Frankie***.

+ **ccp.org.au**
+ **shopramen.com.au**
+ **badfrankie.com**

Local Star

Kate Reid

She took the discipline she learned working in the racing car industry and applied it to making the most delicate of pastries. The croissants Kate creates in the glassed-in kitchen at ***Lune Croissanterie*** are the best in the city. Try stopping at one pain au chocolat.

+ **lunecroissanterie.com**

Gum

Local Star

Kristy Barber

Before everyone was talking about it, designer Kristy was living slow fashion. She launched her label ***Kuwaii*** in 2008 and, to this day, the line of timeless classics is produced within 15 kilometres of her Brunswick studio.

+ **kuwaii.com.au**

Collingwood

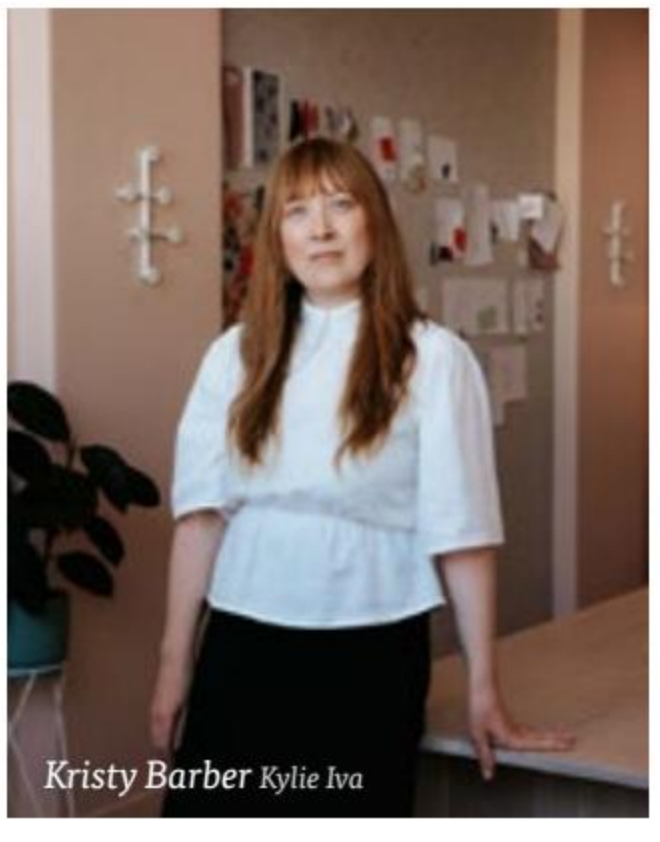
You'll find plenty of action in this suburb that combines gritty with glam. We say that's what gives it a certain charm. Check out tiny pub ***Gum***. It's steeped in '70s Aussie nostalgia and serves craft beers, old-school cocktails and tasty pies. Get your serve of thin-crust pizza and late-night DJs at the always fun ***Lazerpig***. Craft breweries are popping up everywhere around this 'hood', but we love ***Molly Rose Brewing*** for its back-street, industrial vibe.

+ **gumbar.com.au**
+ **lazerpig.com.au**
+ **mollyrosebrewing.com**

Brunswick

Take a day and walk the length of Sydney Road, where it changes from vintage stores and cool cafes at the south end to become a Middle Eastern food and bridal fashion extravaganza further north. One person's cast-off is another's fashion treasure at consignment store ***Goodbyes***. Stock up on books, vinyl, stationery and gifts, many of them produced by local makers, at ***Brunswick Bound***. When hunger strikes, ***Bar Texaco*** offers Texas barbecue, tortillas and mezcal cocktails.

+ **goodbyes.com.au**
+ **brunswickbound.com.au**
+ **bartexaco.com.au**


Kristy Barber *Kylie Iva*

Brunswick Bound

Perfect Splash

Footscray

It's all happening in the inner west. In an old ammunition and candle factory, former winemakers Sam Hambour and Duncan Gibson create an exceptional range of beers at ***Hop Nation***. It may be the workshop of designer sisters Alana and Annabelle Kingston, but ***Perfect Splash*** is also a showcase for the wares of other local makers. Get your caffeine fix and some chill new beats – dubstep, hip-hop, trance and more – at ***Counterweight Vinyl & Espresso***.

+ **hopnation.com.au**
+ **facebook.com/perfectsplash**
+ **facebook.com/counterweightfootscray**

Yarraville

If it's local life you're after, this is the place to be. Swing by the art deco ***Sun Theatre*** to check out a film, before heading to the rooftop at the ***Railway Hotel***. Order your chilled beverage of choice and peer down to see what's going on in Anderson Street. Dinner at ***Navi*** is a unique experience. Just 25 diners each evening get to enjoy chef Julian Hills' ever-changing eight-course tasting menu using local and native ingredients.

+ **suntheatre.com.au**
+ **railwayhotelyarraville.com.au**
+ **restaurantnavi.com.au**

Nornie Bero

Local Star

Nornie Bero

In the Torres Strait, where Nornie hails from, a ***Mabu Mabu*** is a banquet, and that's just what she's creating at her cafe and catering business of the same name. Using native herbs, spices, fruits and succulents in dishes like desert-spiced purple cauliflower with braised sea succulents, she hopes to bring Indigenous flavours to a wider audience.

+ **mabumabu.com.au**

Sun Theatre

Matcha Mylkbar Nic Davidson

Tokyo Tina Mark Lobo

St Kilda

Got Sunday free? Then check out ***St Kilda Esplanade Market***, where more than 140 traders sell their handmade wares – everything from retro-inspired kidswear to locally grown tea leaves. Look after your health and the earth with a visit to plant-based cafe ***Matcha Mylkbar***. One of the suburb's landmarks, ***The Prince Public Bar***, has been given a makeover, bringing the art deco beauty back to life. Alongside local beers and wines, there's a menu of refined pub classics.

+ **stkildaesplanademarket.com.au**
+ **matchamylkbar.com**
+ **theprince.com.au**

Windsor

At the far end of Chapel Street, things quieten down slightly and hidden gems appear. Stylish men can get made-to-order modern suiting, as well as off-the-rack shirts, ties and pocket squares, at ***P Johnson Tailors***. For cocktails with an Aussie edge – the Mad Max blends quandong sloe gin, bush tomato apricot brandy and lemon – check out ***Galah***. Always a favourite is ***Tokyo Tina***'s take on Japanese cuisine. Plus, there's a set Saturday brunch with bingo.

+ **pjt.com**
+ **galah.melbourne**
+ **tokyotina.com.au**

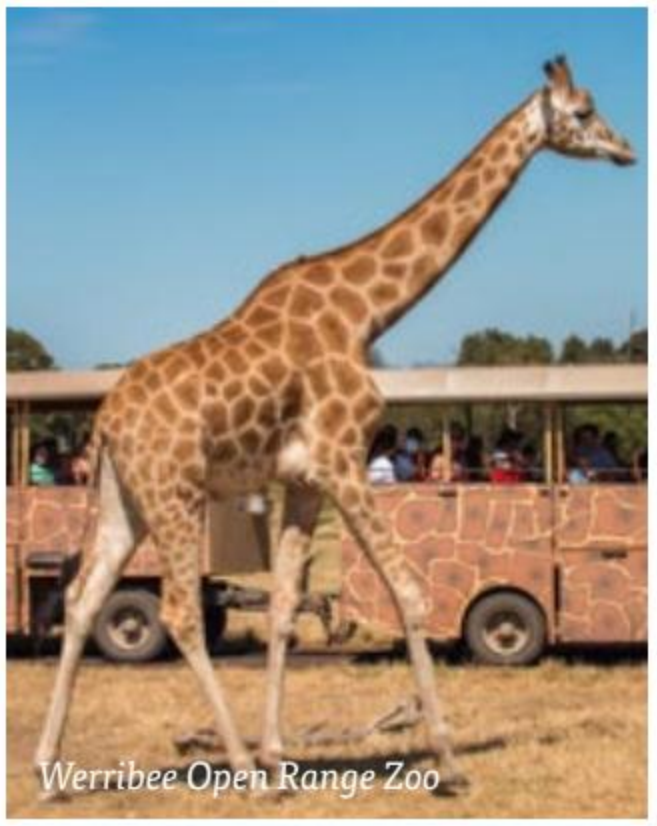
You don't have to stay close to the city centre to eat well, explore new streets and generally enjoy the good life. Jump on a train or start the car to check out neighbourhoods further afield for a different slice of Melbourne life.

Williamstown

Williamstown

Dining, history and the great outdoors are all on offer just steps from the water at this other bayside suburb. Catch the ***Williamstown Ferries*** service there then explore the ***Hobsons Bay Coastal Trail***, which takes you past sandy beaches and historical features, like the timeball tower. It also passes close by ***Williamstown Botanic Gardens***, which first opened in 1860, and is home to a number of rare and significant trees. When you've worked up an appetite, head to ***Sebastian*** and its sprawling deck for Basque-inspired tapas and cocktails.

+ **williamstownferries.com.au**
+ **hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**
+ **sebastianbeachgrill.com**



Werribee Open Range Zoo

Werribee

Pretend you're on safari on the African plains at ***Werribee Open Range Zoo***, where visitors get to jump in an open-sided bus to watch rhinos, zebras and ostriches. There's plenty more to see too, including lions, cheetahs and western lowland gorillas. Step back in time at the heritage-listed ***Werribee Mansion***, set up a picnic in the beautiful formal gardens or see a kaleidoscope of colour when the 5,000 roses bloom in the Victoria State Rose Garden. When it's time to eat, try ***Shadowfax Wines***, where you can dine on wood-fired pizza and other Italian and Spanish dishes alongside the local wines.

+ **zoo.org.au**
+ **parks.vic.gov.au**
+ **shadowfax.com.au**

Sunbury

Apart from being the home of the Ashes – the tiny urn, believed to be a perfume bottle, was first presented to England captain Ivo Bligh at Rupertswood Mansion in 1882 – this suburb on Melbourne's northwest outskirts has a number of wineries. For 40 years, Pat and Dianne Carmody have been growing and making shiraz and chardonnay at ***Craiglee Vineyard***. They host tastings on the first Sunday of the month. Back in town, but with an equally enticing offering, is ***Augustus Gelatery***, where you can get icy scoops in flavours like toasted white chocolate and pomegranate, as well as all your favourites.

+ **craigleevineyard.com**
+ **augustusgelatery.com.au**

Craiglee Vineyard

Camberwell Sunday Market Stephen McKenzie

Frankston Boardwalk

Camberwell

It's true; the early bird does catch the best bargains. Especially on Sundays, when vendors bring together the best retro goods, vintage pieces, craft and bric-a-brac for the ***Camberwell Sunday Market***. After the 6.30 start, you might want to fuel up for the rest of the day at ***Hibiki***, where breakfast and lunch come with Japanese flavours. Later in the day, head to rooftop ***East of Everything***, with its awesome city views, craft brews and hearty pub-style food.

+ **camberwellsundaymarket.org**
+ **hibikimelbourne.com**
+ **eastofeverything.com.au**

Brighton

Opt for a slice of tranquillity and head to the beach at Brighton. Sure, you might want to do it for the 'gram' and wander past the famous Brighton beach boxes, but this popular beach is also good for a swim. Check out the ***Bayside Coastal Arts Trail***, where signs show artworks by Australian artists who've painted this part of the coastline. If you're looking for a family-friendly place for lunch, try ***Brighton Schoolhouse***. There are plenty of healthy options, as well as a kids' menu to please even the fussiest of eaters. There's a big playground, too.

+ **bayside.vic.gov.au**
+ **brightonsh.com.au**

Frankston

Frankston is the gateway to the Mornington Peninsula. Walk along the sand and jump in the ocean at ***Frankston Beach*** or nearby Frankston Pier, which juts out 220 metres into Port Phillip Bay. The three-kilometre loop of ***Frankston Boardwalk*** takes you past the dunes and showcases the natural flora and fauna. If you haven't had enough of the water views, head to ***Waves On The Beach***, with its casual seaside dining or head up to Oliver's Hill Lookout for the best scenic views across Port Phillip Bay.

+ **discoverfrankston.com**
+ **wavesonthebeach.com.au**

Brighton Schoolhouse

Venture North

Big Day Out

Here's how to make the most of a day in Melbourne's greater north.

Start the Day

Fuel the day ahead with a strong coffee and delicious brekky from ***The Spotted Owl*** in Sunbury. Serving up classic brunch with an Australian twist, the cafe has a menu of favourites like smashed avocado and breakfast burgers.
+ **thespottedowl.com.au**

Walk in Nature

Take in the picturesque scenery with a walk at ***Emu Bottoms Wetland Reserve*** and keep an eye out for platypuses, echidnas and native water birds.

Taste Local Wines

Indulge in top local drops at one of the region's finest wineries, ***Marnong Estate.*** You'll experience delicious wines, including chardonnay and shiraz, matched with hearty food and stunning views of the Macedon Ranges.
+ **marnongestate.com.au**

Get Surfing

Try your hand at surfing and ride the waves in a controlled environment at Tullamarine's ***URBNSURF.*** The latest technology sends up to a thousand perfect waves an hour into the huge cove. While you're there, grab a bite to eat at on-site restaurant, ***Three Blue Ducks***.
+ **urbnsurf.com**

URBNSURF

The Spotted Owl

Marnong Estate

Heide Museum of Modern Art

Marion

The Trawool Estate

Discover North

See + Do

Set in beautiful gardens, ***Heide Museum of Modern Art*** combines inspiring Australian art, architecture from a number of eras and a sculpture garden.
+ **heide.com.au**

Take a step back in time at ***Village Cinemas Coburg Drive-in***. New releases, including fun family favourites, are on the big screen, but get there early to stock up on snacks at the diner.
+ **villagecinemas.com.au/cinemas/coburg-drive-in**

Each weekend, artists and craftspeople sell their wares – everything from fashion to funkily potted cacti – at ***Rose St Artists' Market*** in Fitzroy.
+ **rosestmarket.com.au**

Rub shoulders with equine royalty and explore the historic Woodlands Homestead at ***Living Legends***, where you can visit the retired champion racehorses in their paddocks on daily guided tours.
+ **livinglegends.org.au**

Eat + Drink

Craft beer aficionados should head to ***Moon Dog World***. It's a huge beer hall, complete with indoor lagoon, where you can taste brews like Timothy Tamothy Slamothy, a chocolate biscuit milk stout.
+ **moondogbrewing.com.au**

Marion is a sophisticated but unpretentious spot for a snack, full meal or, if the time of day is right, glass of wine. The food is simple, and the wines cover the gamut from common styles to little-known varietals.
+ **marionwine.com.au**

Ready to feast? ***Tiba's Restaurant*** serves up delicious Lebanese platters piled high with grilled meats, fresh salad, crisp pickles and silky-smooth hummus and labneh.
+ **tibas.com.au**

Taste award-winning cocktails in an intimate setting at ***Above Board***. Seating only 16 at a time, this exclusive Collingwood bar is well worth seeking out.
+ **aboveboardbar.com**

Travel Further

Go a little further north – to bushland overlooking the Trawool Valley, where you'll find a true oasis in ***The Trawool Estate***. Here you can stay a while or simply wine and dine at the onsite restaurant, Wild Water.
+ **trawoolestate.com.au**

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Driving **Force**

A childhood dream comes true for one Puffing Billy enthusiast.

When he was a small boy, Graham Cornish's father would take him to Belgrave, the home of Puffing Billy, Melbourne's renowned heritage steam railway, to watch the engines being readied.

"I remember sitting on the platform and watching the shunting moves, dreaming about being able do what those men do," recalls Graham. "The highlight of any visit was to be allowed to sit on the driver's seat and look out the window."

It took many years but, finally, in September 2017, his childhood dream was realised and Graham became a Puffing Billy driver. But it's far more than simply jumping aboard and stoking the coal fire.

"The driver is wholly responsible for not only the locomotive and train, but all the passengers as well," he says. "Every morning, I have to inspect the locomotive and train to ensure it is safe and ready for the day's running. During the day, I constantly monitor the locomotive, train, and its operation to ensure all the railways regulations are followed."

Graham Cornish *Kathryn Roytel*

But the joy of the journey remains, even to this day. "Where else can a visitor travel on a beautiful steam railway where history abounds, plus travel through a wonderfully diverse environment so close to Melbourne?"

+ **puffingbilly.com.au**

Housemuseum Galleries

Harlow

Healesville Sanctuary

Discover East

See + Do

Shop till you drop at Australia's largest shopping centre, ***Chadstone,*** The Fashion Capital. Featuring luxury brands and designer boutiques, you can get there via a free tourist shuttle bus from Federation Square daily.
+ **chadstone.com.au**

Spend a few relaxing hours on the Yarra River surrounded by native bushland when you hire a rowing boat at ***Studley Park Boathouse***.
+ **studleyparkboathousekew.com.au**

Stroll through some beautiful walking trails at ***Blackburn Lake Sanctuary***. It's one of the few significant remaining natural bushland reserves in Melbourne.
+ **blackburnlakesanctuary.org**

Architect Corbett Lyon occasionally opens his Kew home so people can view his collection of contemporary pieces. Now he's built ***Housemuseum Galleries*** next door to provide a new platform for international and Australian artists.
+ **lyonhousemuseum.com.au**

Eat + Drink

A historic Hawthorn East auction house has been transformed into ***East End Wine Bar***. The list focuses on artisanal producers and is complemented by charcuterie boards and wood–fired pizzas.
+ **eastendwinebar.com**

Enjoy Italian-inspired dishes created using seasonal produce and served in a traditional setting – white tablecloths and all – at ***Centonove*** in Kew. There's also an award-wining list of wines sourced from across Australia.
+ **centonove.com.au**

Share Asian-influenced dishes like Korean fried chicken and soba noodle salad with friends at ***Prohibition Food and Wine*** in Camberwell. As the name suggests, there's an impressive wine list, too.
+ **prohibitionfoodandwine.com.au**

The former Great Britain Hotel has been replaced with a rocking menu of pub favourites and a stellar happy hour in ***Harlow***. Located in the heart of Richmond, stop by to enjoy the relaxed surrounds and views from the new rooftop.
+ **harlowbar.com.au**

Travel Further

Just under an hour from Melbourne, you'll find yourself in picturesque Healesville, right in the centre of the Yarra Valley food and wine district. ***Healesville Sanctuary*** is committed to fighting wildlife extinction and visiting helps to protect our native species.
+ **zoo.org.au/healesville**

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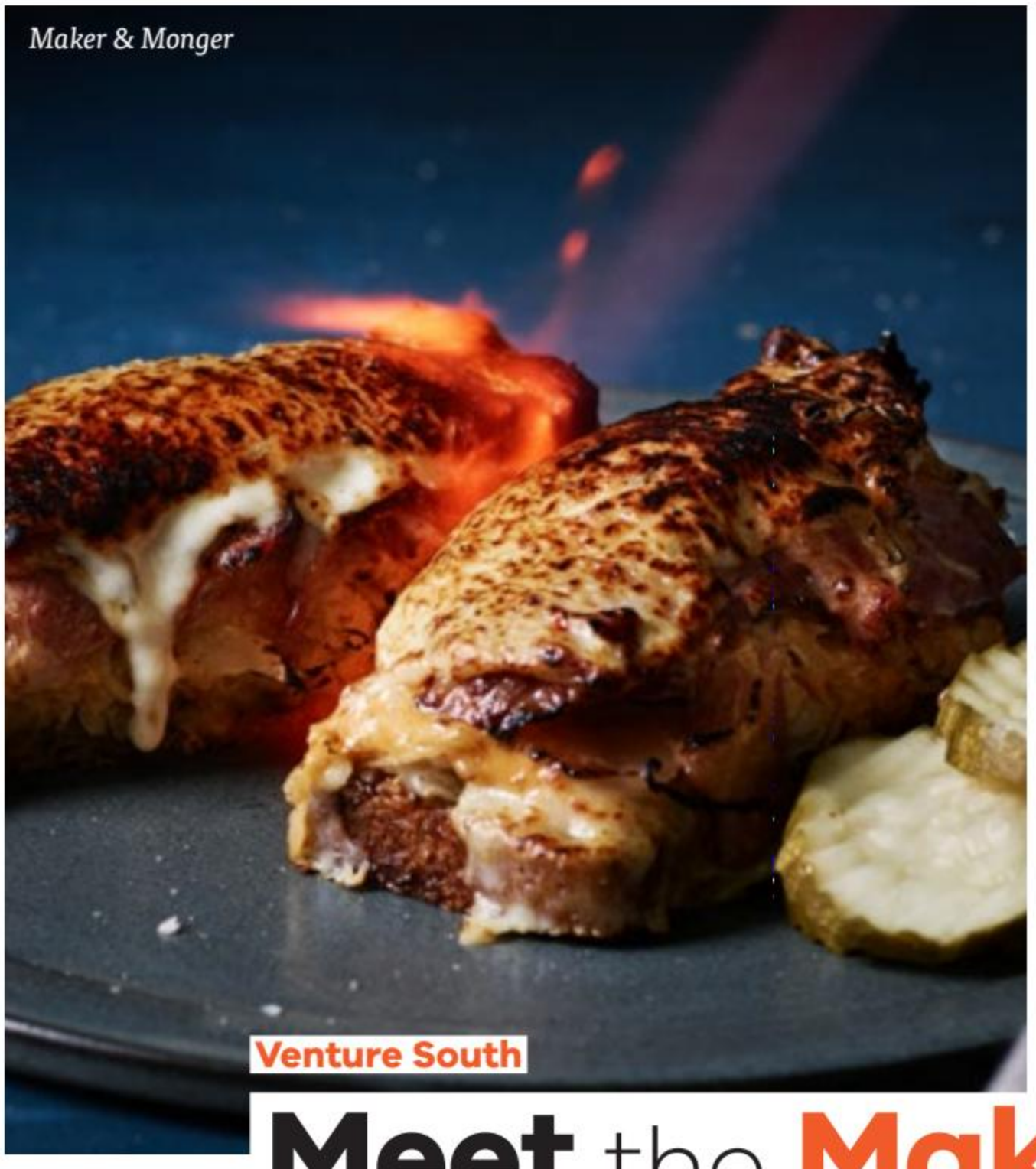

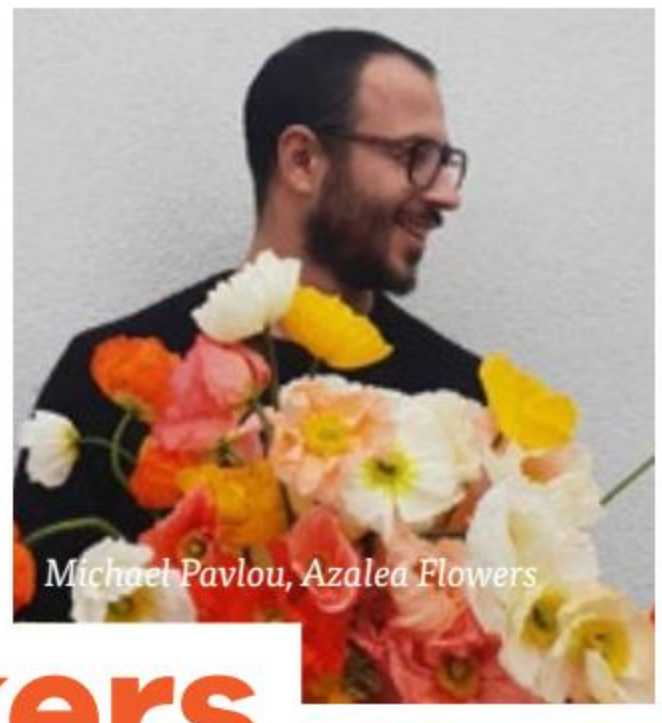

Venture South

Meet the Makers

Anthony Femia

Having previously held positions such as operations manager of Spring Street Grocer (where he designed and helped build Australia's first underground cheese cellar), Anthony's appreciation for cheese runs deep. It's what, in 2015, brought him to open ***Maker & Monger*** at Prahran Market. Envisioning an all-encompassing cheese shop that embraced the people who both make and sell cheese, the store has become something of a Melbourne institution, where cheese lovers are spoiled for choice.

+ **makerandmonger.com.au**

Dereck and Diti Hales

For husband and wife duo Dereck and Diti, ***Bad Shepherd Brewing Co*** is all about temptation in the form of fine craft beer and a menu of slow-cooked American barbecue and comfort food. This is a place to enjoy the pleasures of life. Despite failed attempts with the home-brew kit, the Hales launched the Cheltenham brewpub in 2015 with the determination to make better brews. They certainly achieved that, and the venue is now a local favourite.

+ **badshepherd.com.au**

Michael Pavlou

A favourite for many at the South Melbourne Market, ***Azalea Flowers***, the brainchild of industry veteran Michael, showcases a verdant variety of stunning flowers and foliage. Michael began his career working at his stepmother's florist shop, building connections so he could source the best blooms directly from growers. Now, this is the place to go if you love Australian native flowers, but there's also a variety of unusual indoor plants for sale.

+ **azaleaflowers.com.au**

Discover South

See + Do

Discover more of the south and book a private tour with ***Wayward Wanders***. Choose from itineraries encompassing sustainability, street art and more, and learn all about it with your very own local insider guide.
+ **waywardwanders.com.au**

When you're shopping at ***South Melbourne Market***, don't forget to check out ***SO:ME Space***, where local designers and artists sell unique, sustainable fashion and other wares.
+ **southmelbournemarket.com.au**

There aren't too many old-school single-screen cinemas left, so a trip to the ***Astor Theatre*** in St Kilda is a treat. Restorations, revivals and rarities are often showing.
+ **astortheatre.net.au**

Take a tour of the historic mansion, built in 1868, at Elsternwick's ***Rippon Lea Estate***, then head into the stunning garden. Until late May, you can also catch the *Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears* exhibition, an interactive mystery experience.
+ **ripponleaestate.com.au**

Eat + Drink

Starward Distillery's award-winning whisky is created at this site in Port Melbourne. You can take tours, do a whisky masterclass or simply take a seat at the bar and sample a cocktail.
+ **starward.com.au**

Hotel Esplanade (The Espy) is a St Kilda landmark given new life. Head here to enjoy a couple of beers, watch a band or eat at Mya Tiger, with its excellent contemporary Asian cuisine.
+ **hotelesplanade.com.au**

Indulge at Melbourne's newest and most Instagram-worthy garden cafe and wine bar, ***The Commons at Ormond Collective.*** There are four outdoor settings, where you can enjoy delicious meals, coffees or something a little harder.
+ **ormondcollective.net.au/the-commons**

Next time you're ready to step out on the southside, head to ***Tokyo Tina***. Sibling venue to always-popular Hanoi Hannah, Tina serves up contemporary Japanese food in a funky izakaya setting.
+ **tokyotina.com.au**

Travel Further

The suburb of ***Bangholme*** is a bit of secret, even for many Melburnians. There's plenty of fun to be had at ***Melbourne Cable Park*** – if you want to wakeboard, this is the place to do it – or you could go horse riding at ***Jolong Park***.

St Kilda Esplanade Market

Discover handmade, artisan goods at Melbourne's best outdoor market by the bay. Set against the backdrop of St Kilda Beach, this vibrant makers' market features more than 100 unique stalls of handcrafted artwork, jewellery, clothing and food. The market runs from Luna Park all the way to Fitzroy Street, and is a great place to start when exploring St Kilda.

Tram: Route 3a, 16 or 96 to stop 138 **Open:** Every Sun from 10am

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Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre

Commonwealth Reserve, Nelson Place, Williamstown

Open: daily (closed Good Friday)
Phone: 9932 3016
Email: visitorinformation@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Web: www.visithobsonsbay.com.au/Visitor-information

Explore Melbourne's inner west and be inspired by Scienceworks in Spotswood, Seaworks on Williamstown's waterfront or Newport's contemporary arts space The Substation.

Cycle or walk the Hobsons Bay Coastal Trail, passing through Point Gellibrand, Williamstown Beach, Altona Beach and on to Truganina - there are more than 20 kms of cycling and walking paths with public art and heritage markers to guide your way.

Visit during Heritage Hobsons Bay in April and May 2021 and experience one of Melbourne's earliest colonial settlements.

Travel by train, bus, car, bicycle, ferry, river punt, or seaplane, getting here is half the fun. Electric vehicle charging points are also available on Nelson Place.

Contact the Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre in Williamstown to find out about places to go, what to see and where to stay, if you're planning to make more than a day of it. We recommend you do!

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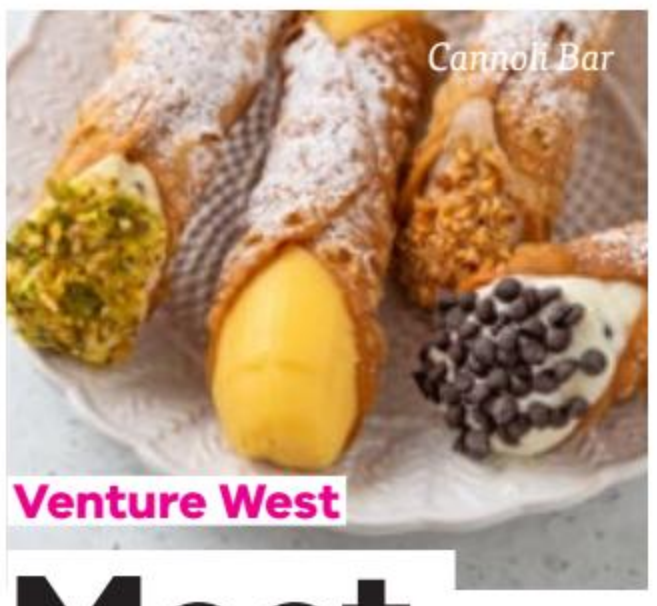
Cannoli Bar

Alister Timms, Shadowfax Wines Carmen Zammit

Venture West

Meet the Makers

Carlo and Achille Mellini

When Carlo and Achille Mellini decided to open ***Cannoli Bar*** and sell Sicilian treats in their quiet neighbourhood of Avondale Heights, they didn't realise just how popular their sweets would become. Today people travel from distant suburbs for their cannoli, crunchy pastry shells filled with sweet ricotta, Nutella, pistachio and special flavours like Ferrero Rocher.

+ **instagram.com/cannolibar**

Vincent Di Lorenzo

Growing up in Melbourne's western suburbs piqued Vincent's passion for food from a very young age – his father owned a number of Italian restaurants and a food manufacturing business where he'd spend time. Although he studied accounting and finance at university and went on to work in corporate finance, Vincent's love for pasta prevailed, and he returned to his family's Werribee business, ***Bellissima Italian Pantry***, where he is now pasta maker and general manager. The range of delicious, easy-to-prepare and authentic Italian dishes includes pasta, pizza, lasagne, antipasto and desserts. Everything is homemade onsite using only the freshest ingredients.

+ **facebook.com/bellissimaitalianpantry**

Alister Timms

Alister is no stranger to the world of winemaking, having grown up on his family's Bellarine Peninsula vineyard, tending grapes from the age of 10. He is currently the chief winemaker at ***Shadowfax Wines***, located just 30 minutes from Melbourne. Here, the focus is on regionality, with the majority of the fruit harvested from local vineyards in Werribee and the Macedon Ranges. The highest quality of grapes are sourced, resulting in a variety of top drops, including pinot noir, chardonnay, pinot gris, riesling and shiraz.

+ **shadowfax.com.au**

Scienceworks Dianna Snape

Werribee Park James Lauritz

Pho Chu The Kristoffer Paulsen

Discover West

See + Do

Discover the romance and grandeur of ***Werribee Park***, with its historic mansion and formal gardens. It's the perfect starting point to explore the rest of Werribee and surrounds.
+ **visitwerribee.com**

Give the kids the gift of entertainment and education at the fully interactive ***Scienceworks***, a museum in Spotswood.
+ **museumsvictoria.com.au/scienceworks**

Let the kids and adults go wild at ***Werribee Open Range Zoo.*** Feel the freedom with an open-air safari bus tour through the savannah, and check out *Zoorassic*, with its 10 animatronic dinosaurs.
+ **zoo.org.au/werribee**

See the stunning basalt lava formations and maybe cross paths with kangaroos at ***Organ Pipes National Park***, near Keilor Plains.
+ **parks.vic.gov.au**

Eat + Drink

Treat the taste buds with French baked goods and pastries from ***Gordon Street Bakery*** in Footscray where the lines are long for good reason. Here you'll find classics such as croissants, pain au chocolat, baguettes and *galette des rois* (frangipane tart).
+ **gordonstbakery.com**

For a casual spot for weekend drinks, head to ***Two Birds Brewing*** in Spotswood and sample some of the craft beers.
+ **twobirdsbrewing.com.au**

Bask in the sunshine with a cocktail or two at ***Peachy Keen***, a container bar in the lanes of Williamstown. It's perfect for catching up with friends during the warmer months.
+ **peachykeenbar.com.au**

Footscray offers up some of the best Vietnamese food in Melbourne, but the pick of soup places has to be ***Pho Chu The***.
+ **pho-chu-the.business.site**

Travel Further

For a fun day out with the family, jump in the car and head to Geelong, just an hour's drive from the city. A must-visit with kids is the ***Museum of Play and Art (MoPA)***. This immersive and interactive experience features exhibits that focus on inspiring creativity through play-based learning.
+ **museumofplayandart.com.au**

Museum of Play and Art

BAY WEST DRIVING *Trail*

Roses for days and the rolling plains of Werribee Open Range Zoo. Adventure lives here.

Feast your senses on the finest wines and cuisine. Romance is always in the air at Victoria State Rose Garden and Werribee Park Mansion.

Looking for more outdoor action? The self-paced Bay West Driving Trail is perfect for a weekend escape. Follow the Route 11 signs to join this thirty-kilometre loop or pick up a map from the Werribee Visitor Information Centre, then hit the open road on your next adventure. Land, sea or sky, there's always a new experience to try.

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Werribee Open Range Zoo
Head out on safari to meet giraffes, zebras and rhinos, as they roam the open savannah. Go behind the scenes and book an animal encounter.

Lancemore Mansion Hotel at Werribee Park
Make a luxury weekend of it and be swept away by the grandeur of Werribee Park Mansion and gardens. Spa treatments, fine dining and time to reconnect await.

Shadowfax Winery
Enjoy lunch and a glass of award-winning wine with friends.

Wyndham Harbour
Fun on the water awaits! Or if you are a land lover, stroll along the marina, throw in a line and enjoy a bite to eat by the bay.

Joy Flights Melbourne
It doesn't get more adventurous than a flight in a WWII Tiger Moth. Don't hesitate.

BAY WEST DRIVING TRAIL
Don't miss a thing!

1. Werribee City Centre
2. Werribee Park Mansion
3. Victoria State Rose Garden
4. Werribee Open Range Zoo
5. Shadowfax Winery
6. Wyndham Harbour
7. Point Cook RAAF Museum
8. Point Cook Coastal Park

Six of the Best

Head out of town as autumn approaches and explore some of the great spots Victoria has to offer.

Licence to Distil

With its outstanding position on the lake and stunning architecture, ***Nagambie Brewery & Distillery*** has great bones for an excellent day out. Add in head brewer Jamie Chesher's unpretentious brews and a menu of pizzas, burgers and share plates, and you've got all the ingredients for a delicious day trip.

+ **nagambiebrewery.com.au**

Sleepover at the Springs

It's long been the place to soak away all your troubles, but now ***Peninsula Hot Springs*** has added luxurious couples' glamping. Immerse yourself in the springs, have a massage then head back to your accommodation to fall into slumber. There's also access to night-time bathing, morning yoga and the hilltop pool to watch the sun rise.

+ **peninsulahotsprings.com**

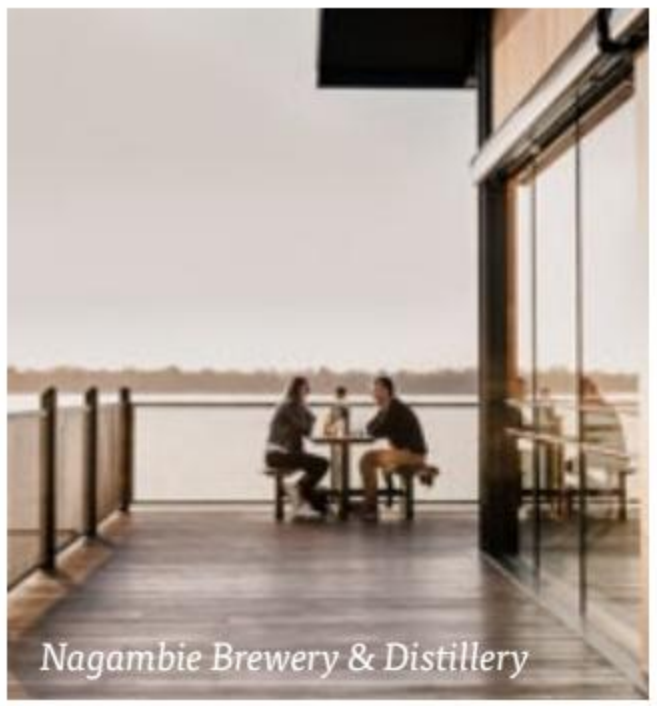
Walk in the Forest

Stretch your legs at Gippsland's ***Tarra-Bulga National Park***. There's a chance to follow a number of walking trails, but we like the Forest Track, which forms a loop from the visitor centre. Pass gullies of tree ferns and admire the cool rainforest, all while listening to the sound of the birds around you. Leave 90 minutes to cover the four-kilometre walk.

+ **parks.vic.gov.au**

Tarra-Bulga National Park

Levantine Hill Estate



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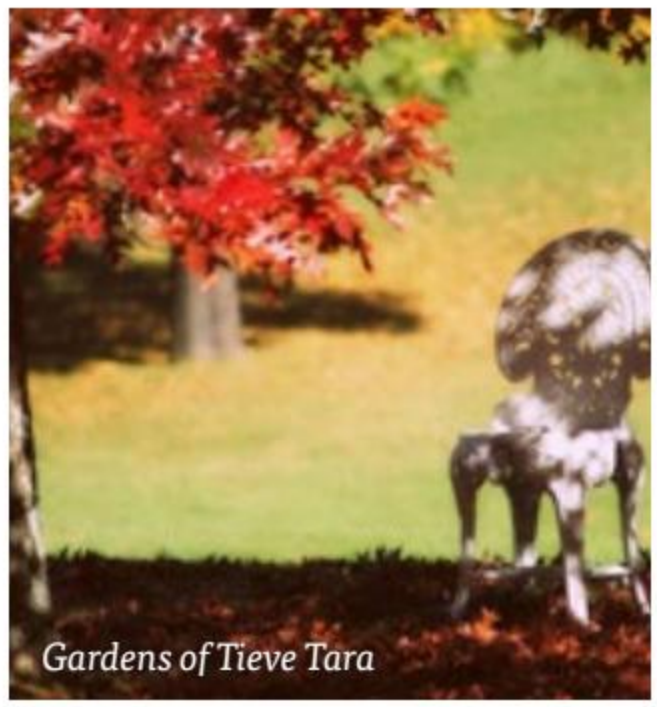


Gardens of Tieve Tara

Take a Sip

Good wine is a hallmark of the Yarra Valley, but ***Levantine Hill Estate*** adds architectural brilliance to the mix. Its excellent cellar door and restaurant overlooks the vineyards, and features a series of booths set inside stunning timber 'barrels'. Now, architecture firm Fender Katsalidis has created a landmark winery building, where guests can enjoy tastings and presentations.

+ **levantinehill.com.au**

Animal Magic

The Otways is well known for its native residents, and now visitors can explore ***Wildlife Wonders***. A conservation guide will point out koalas in treetops, kangaroos grazing near the ocean, and other animals like bandicoots and potoroos in the forest. The natural landscapes have been created by Brian Massey, who worked on the *Lord of the Rings* films.

+ **wildlifewonders.org.au**

As the Leaves Turn

There's no doubt Mt Macedon is a beautiful place to visit, but during autumn the ***Gardens of Tieve Tara*** is particularly stunning, with the foliage of oaks, maples, ash and birches becoming a blaze of red, gold and orange. Stroll across the lawns, check out the seasonal colour, then lay out your picnic and relax by the lake.

+ **gardensoftievetara.com.au**

Hit the road on a touring route, make your own way around, or follow our itinerary and see the wonders of Victoria for yourself.

By Car

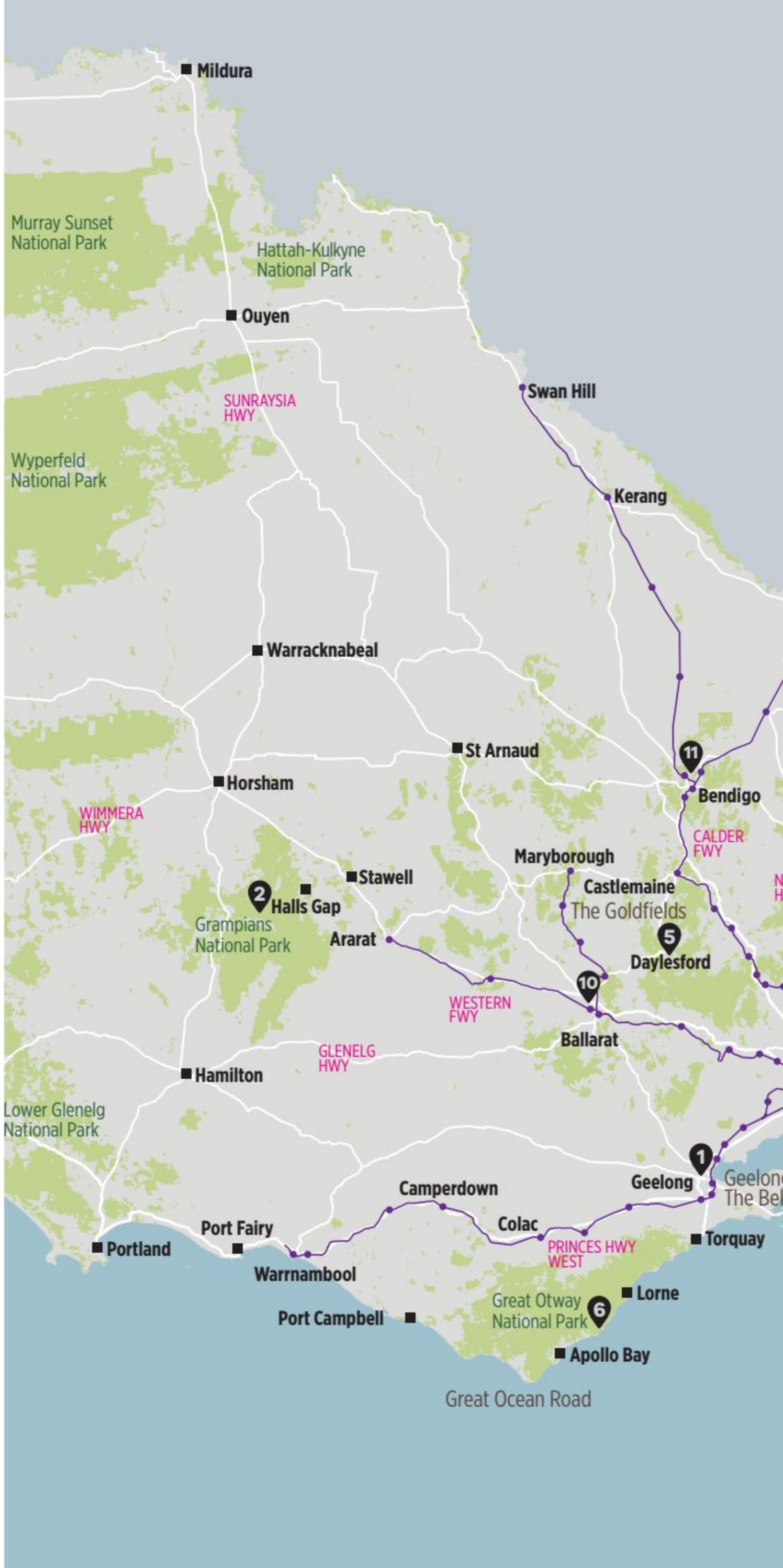
Travel about an hour west of Melbourne to the delightful coastal region of 1 ***Geelong and the Bellarine*** and experience scenic beaches, wineries and some amazing local produce.

Travel further west on a scenic road trip (approximately 3.5 hours) to the 2 ***Grampians*** region to get up close to nature.

For more outdoor adventures, visit the 3 ***High Country***.

By Train

Catch a V/Line train service from Melbourne's Southern Cross Station to Lilydale and find yourself in the 4 ***Yarra Valley*** wine region, approximately 70 minutes from Melbourne.



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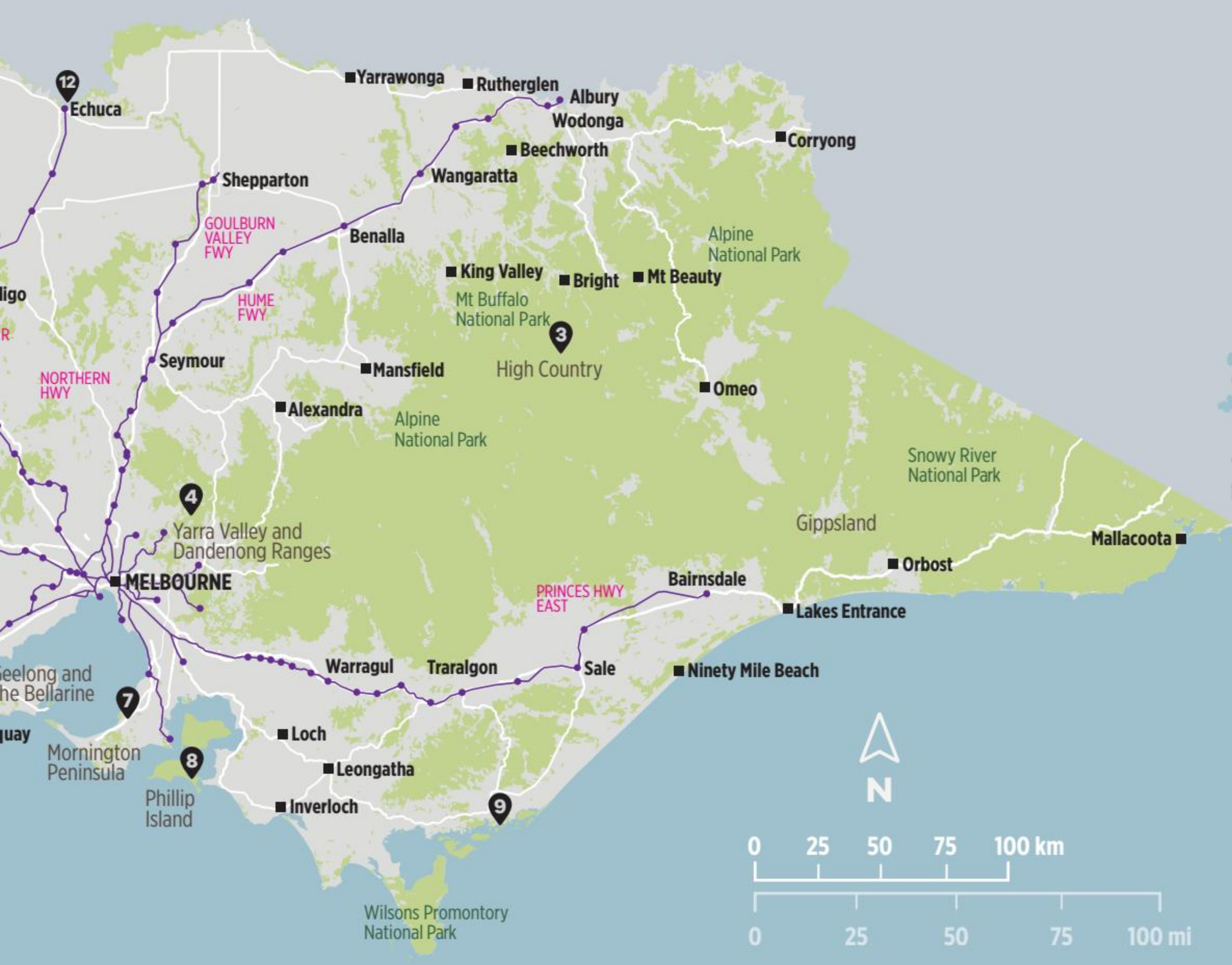
For more information within regional Victoria, visit the local Visitor Information Centre.

+ **visitvictoria.com/information/visitor-information-centres**



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Soak up endless coastlines, 360 degree views and vast starry night skies. Stop into pocket-sized villages, boutique vineyards and craft breweries. Here you'll find 90 miles of sand and lush green hills that roll from the high country to the intricate East Gippsland Lakes and the southern-most point of the mainland. From Mallacoota to Metung, Orbost to Omeo and Wulgulmerang to Wilsons Prom.

There are all kinds of wonder to be found in Gippsland.

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Gippsland

A Family's Fruit

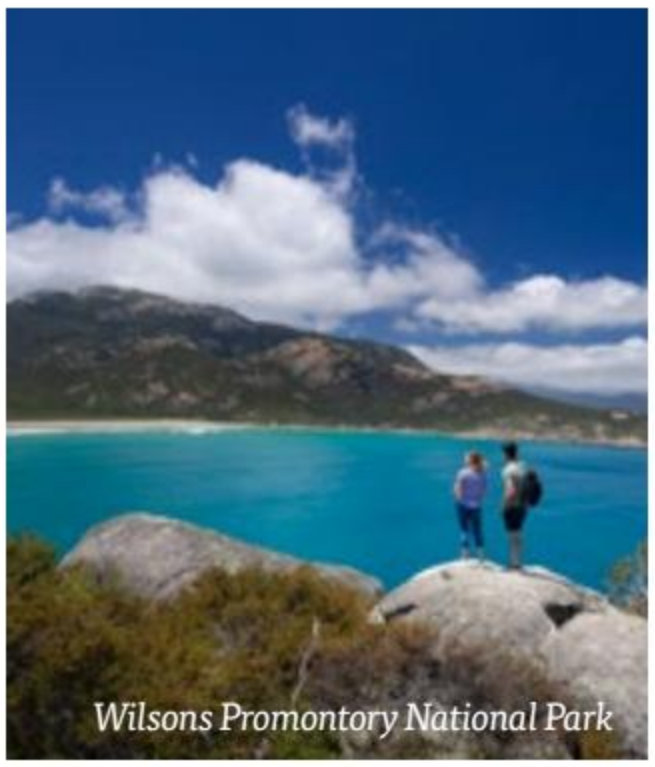
Sally Baldwin, farmer

Picnic Point Farm, Bairnsdale

There are about 20,000 apple trees at Picnic Point Farm on the outskirts of Bairnsdale. The property, run by the Baldwin family, including Sally, features varieties such as Gala, Pink Lady, Fuji, Granny Smith, Cox, Sundowner and Gravenstein in the orchards.

The Baldwins also grow a small amount of cherries, raspberries, plums, rhubarb and asparagus. These crops are sold from the farm gate when in season throughout the year, as well as at farmers' markets around Gippsland. In recent years, the family has been working to diversify its offering. "Being able to work with other producers in the region, we have been able to sell apple juice, apple cider vinegar and freeze-dried fruit made from our apples as well," Sally said.

Sally Baldwin



Wilsons Promontory National Park

Highlights

SUP the Gippsland Lakes with ***Venture Out***.

Hike to ***Mount Oberon*** on ***Wilsons Prom***.

Take a fishing road trip to ***Mallacoota*** in Far East Gippsland.

+ **visitvictoria.com/gippsland**

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Weekend Away to Bairnsdale

Sit back and relax on a V/Line train, and enjoy the countryside on your journey to Gippsland.

Day 1 - Saturday
Catch your V/Line train from Southern Cross Station to Bairnsdale. If you leave early in the morning you can be right in the centre of Bairnsdale by midday.

Booking your V/Line ticket is easy. Buy and reserve your ticket at:
+ V/Line stations
+ Call 1800 800 007 or visit
+ **vline.com.au**

Things to see and explore in Bairnsdale

Food
Bairnsdale town centre is home to a myriad of restaurants, cafes and bakeries, all just a short stroll from the train station.

Be with nature
A short walk from the train station, Mitchell River Walking Track is a 5.4-kilometre circuit offering stunning panoramas of the countryside along the Mitchell River.

Where to stay
Bairnsdale is very welcoming to visitors, with your choice of motels, hotels and boutique accommodation, all within walking distance of the train station.

Lake Tyers Beach Josie Withers

Day 2 - Sunday
Catch a V/Line coach from Bairnsdale Station to Lake Tyers Beach, and in just an hour you'll arrive in Lakes Entrance, where you can stroll the shores of Gippsland Lakes or Lakes Entrance Beach.

Keep an eye out for wildlife, including kangaroos, pelicans and dolphins around the beaches and lakes of Lakes Entrance.

To plan your journey, visit the PTV website.
+ **ptv.vic.gov.au**

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Phillip Island

Down on the Farm

Katie Lamaro, farmer

Five Acre Farm Stay

Cape Woolamai walk

Popular with families throughout the year, Phillip Island offers relaxed days on the beach and the chance to get back to nature.

At Five Acre Farm Stay, that's taken to the next level. The Lamaro family – Katie, Rom and their two boys Oscar and Jackson – oversees the beautiful Ventnor property, having bought it when it was rundown. They've renovated the old buildings, planted orchards and kitchen gardens, and raise Highland cattle, goats, sheep and chickens. And while the Lamaros live in one house, the other is rented to guests.

Its gorgeous surrounds, with stunning views of Western Port, make this the perfect base for exploring the island. Take a board out for a surf, see the penguins at Summerland Beach or book a cruise along the coastline to spot a huge range of marine creatures. The farm is expanding, too, with three eco-cabins being constructed and a function centre to follow.

+ **fiveacres.com.au**

Highlights

Stay in off-grid accommodation at ***Sheltered Glamping***.

Hike the stunning ***Cape Woolamai walk***.

Visit the ***Penguin Parade*** and see the new visitor centre.

+ **visitvictoria.com/phillipisland**

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Phillip Island Nature Parks

Watch the little penguins waddle home this year at Phillip Island's Penguin Parade.

Spy koalas, wallabies and birdlife in their bushland habitat at the Koala Conservation Reserve, and visit Churchill Island to experience the heritage working farm, animal nursery and peaceful gardens. At Antarctic Journey, learn stories of conservation, climate resilience, and what lives in the deep.

Just 90 minutes from Melbourne, Phillip Island Nature Parks is a not-for-profit, visitor-funded conservation and regenerative tourism organisation protecting Phillip Island's wild spaces.

Every visit directly contributes to conservation projects, so help us protect nature for wildlife with a 4 Park Pass.

Open: Daily from 10am. Penguins arrive at sunset.

1019 Ventnor Road, Summerlands, Phillip Island
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Arthurs Seat Eagle

Get ready to soar. Board a state-of-the-art gondola and fly over the state forest to the highest point of the beautiful Mornington Peninsula.

Located just over an hour from Melbourne, enjoy breathtaking views across Port Phillip Bay to the Melbourne city skyline in the safety and comfort of a contemporary cabin.

At the summit you can enjoy a casual dining experience at The Eagle Café with amazing views and an expansive outdoor deck. You'll also find locally inspired giftwares as well as fun souvenirs to remember your visit.

Open: Daily, from 10am

1085 Arthurs Seat Road, Dromana
t 03 5987 0600
e info@aseagle.com.au
w aseagle.com.au

Many Little Bar & Bistro By Polperro

Many Little is a bistro, late-night bar, cellar door and meeting place guaranteed to charm local residents and visitors alike.

Many Little's menu offers a Modern Asian, Sri Lankan-inspired cuisine based on the authentic traditions of head chef Gayan Pieris's homeland. This isn't merely a place to dine on sustainably grown, local produce, nor simply an intimate spot to celebrate with quality Australian and international wines. It's about good company, a friendly greeting, and an exceptional chef and his team. It's the 'Many Little' moments that alone are pleasurable but combined are unforgettable. It's a place to share. A place to indulge. A place to feel at home. After all, many a little makes a mickle.

Open: *Lunch* Sat & Sun 12pm – 3pm, *Dinner* Thu – Sun 5.30pm, *Bar* Thu – Fri 3pm, Sat – Sun 12pm

2-5, 159 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South
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w manylittle.com.au **Find us on: f**

Montalto

Montalto is a family-owned and run estate where produce is grown, shared and celebrated, creating a unique combination of food and wine experiences in a breathtaking location.

Spend the day exploring everything that Montalto has to offer from the intimate cellar door, private picnics, dining in Wendy's Garden or the contemporary restaurant with idyllic vineyard views. After, go for a stroll on the grounds to view the sculpture exhibition.

Open: Daily, 11am to 5pm

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Mornington Peninsula

Hot Stuff

Eileen Gordon and Grant Donaldson, glass artists

Red Hill Gallery

The Rat

It really is a family affair at Gordon Studio Glassblowers in Red Hill. Eileen emigrated from Norway, where her parents were glass artists. Her two brothers are also practitioners. She works alongside her husband Grant who is – you guessed it – a glass artist. Even Eileen and Grant's sons, Hamish and Calum, who grew up in the studio, are now emerging artists.

They set up their studio in 2003, transforming the property's old house so that visitors could watch from a protected mezzanine as resident artists worked with molten glass, shaping it, adding colour and blowing it to create both decorative and functional pieces.

There's a gallery onsite, as well as magnificent outdoor sculptures, which add an extra element of interest to the surrounding countryside and rolling hills.

For those who want to capture the magic of this artform themselves, the studio offers one-day workshops that cover the basics of glassblowing and let you come away with your own composition.

+ **gordonstudio.com.au**

Highlights

Stay among the vines and unwind with a weekend of good food and wine at ***Polperro***.

Soothe and pamper yourself at the ***Peninsula Hot Springs***.

Continue your wine and culinary experience with a stop at ***Montalto*** and enjoy a breathtaking view across Red Hill.

+ **visitvictoria.com/mornington-peninsula**

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Top Images: Francesca Pizzey

Yarra Valley and the Dandenongs

Full Circle

Mark Ebbels, chef

Mark Ebbels

He might have worked in Singapore and at Heston Blumenthal's The Fat Duck in the UK, but Mark is a born-and-bred Yarra Valley boy. He grew up on a vegetable farm here, and began his career in the region. Now, he's back making delicious dishes at TarraWarra Estate.

One of his passions is creating plant-based menus, and although meat does feature here, more diners are trying – and loving – his vegan dishes.

"If it is delicious people will eat and enjoy it, whether it is a plant or not," says Mark. "So cooking delicious meals with plants is a way to change hearts and minds."

Much of the restaurant's produce comes from its kitchen garden, but Mark and his team are constantly working on ways to make what they do more sustainable. They recycle leftover food, use the compost in the garden and have replaced plastic containers in the kitchen with metal ones.

+ **tarrawarra.com.au**

Highlights

Finally take that hot air balloon flight over vineyards with ***Global Ballooning***.

Enjoy winery dining followed by modern art at ***Tarrawarra Estate*** and ***TarraWarra Museum of Art***. Wander through ***Dandenong Ranges Botanical Garden.***

+ **visitvictoria.com/yarravalley**

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Geelong and The Bellarine

Cream of the Crop

Monica Cavarsan, butter maker

Monica Cavarsan

Having grown up on a dairy farm in western Victoria, Monica knew all about the goodness of fresh milk and cream. But it was a change in employment circumstances that led her to leave marketing behind and begin a new chapter.

In 2017, Monica spent some of her redundancy package on a butter churn and launched ***Lard Ass*** in Ocean Grove on the Bellarine Peninsula. Now, she is one of the few people in the state to create cultured butter.

She uses imported European cultures and single-batch cream to create her rich, delicious butter that's sold at farmers' markets, small retailers and online.

"It's considered French-style butter," explains Monica. "It's a process of fermenting the cream to bring out the beautiful flavours, the buttery-ness and really savouring the creaminess. At farmers' markets people initially think it's not going to taste any different, but once they do taste it they're blown away. What I hear a lot of is, 'Oh, I can't go back to supermarket butter.'"

+ **lardass.com.au**

Highlights

Swim with dolphins and seals (or even try surfing) with ***Sea All Dolphin Swims***.

Have a winery lunch with bay views and vineyard vistas at one of the Bellarine's many wineries like ***Jack Rabbit, Terindah Estate, Basils Farm*** and ***Scotchmans Hill***.

Wander the eclectic bars, restaurants, cafes and shops of ***Little Malop Street*** in Geelong.

+ **visitvictoria.com/geelongbellarine**

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Simon Stewart

Great Ocean Road

A Local at the Table

Simon Stewart, chef

It's no wonder Simon wanted to return to Birregurra. It's where he first kissed his wife, Kara and it's now where they run Yield, a Middle-Eastern influenced, share-style restaurant. Here the produce cooked and served is grown locally - including in the Stewart's Colac backyard.

"The restaurant embodies our belief that dining is an experience best shared with loved ones," says Simon. "It's a place that champions local – the makers, the growers, the farmers. A place that brings them all together. It's a place of connection."

As each course is brought to the table, the provenance of the ingredients is explained. Keeping things local, the beers, wines and spirits served are all produced in the Otway Ranges and Geelong.

Guests can also fill up their pantries, with Yield's provisions store stocking Victorian goods, including cheeses, preserves, condiments, cured meats and wines.

+ **yieldbirregurra.com.au**

Highlights

Discover the tastes of the ***Otway Harvest Trail***.

Fly through the treetops at ***Otway Fly Treetop Adventure***.

Explore the mountain biking and hiking trails around ***Forrest***.

+ **visitvictoria.com/greatoceanroad**

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Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges

A New Leaf

Alla Wolf-Tasker AM, chef

She's turned Daylesford into a gourmet destination, launching Lake House more than three decades ago and working with local farmers to bring diners the best of the region. Now Alla has expanded her horizons, launching Dairy Flat Farm.

Alla, husband Allan and daughter Larissa acquired the rundown property in 2018 and set about creating a working farm that could produce just about everything they need for Lake House. There's now an orchard, vegetable gardens, vineyard and olive grove. Also on the site is a bakery where sourdough, pastries and donuts are made daily.

The farm's pièce de résistance, however, is the lodge, a luxurious six-bedroom house, with a library, lounge and concierge.

"This style of accommodation is all over Europe but it's not so common in Australia," says Larissa. "You have the whole lodge to yourself, so you can gather your tribe together in one place and you don't have to sacrifice any privacy or luxury."

Guests can relax, take a beekeeping class or get involved in the running of the farm by tending to the gardens.

+ **dairyflatfarmdaylesford.com.au**

Highlights

Stay and dine in lakeside luxury at ***Lake House***.

Take in panoramic views from the top of ***Hanging Rock.***

Shop till you drop in larger villages, such as ***Daylesford***, ***Kyneton*** and ***Woodend***.

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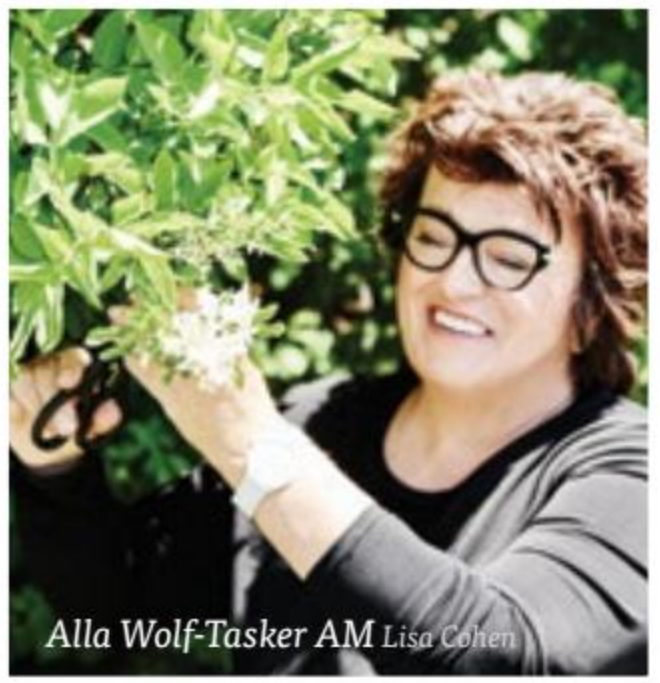
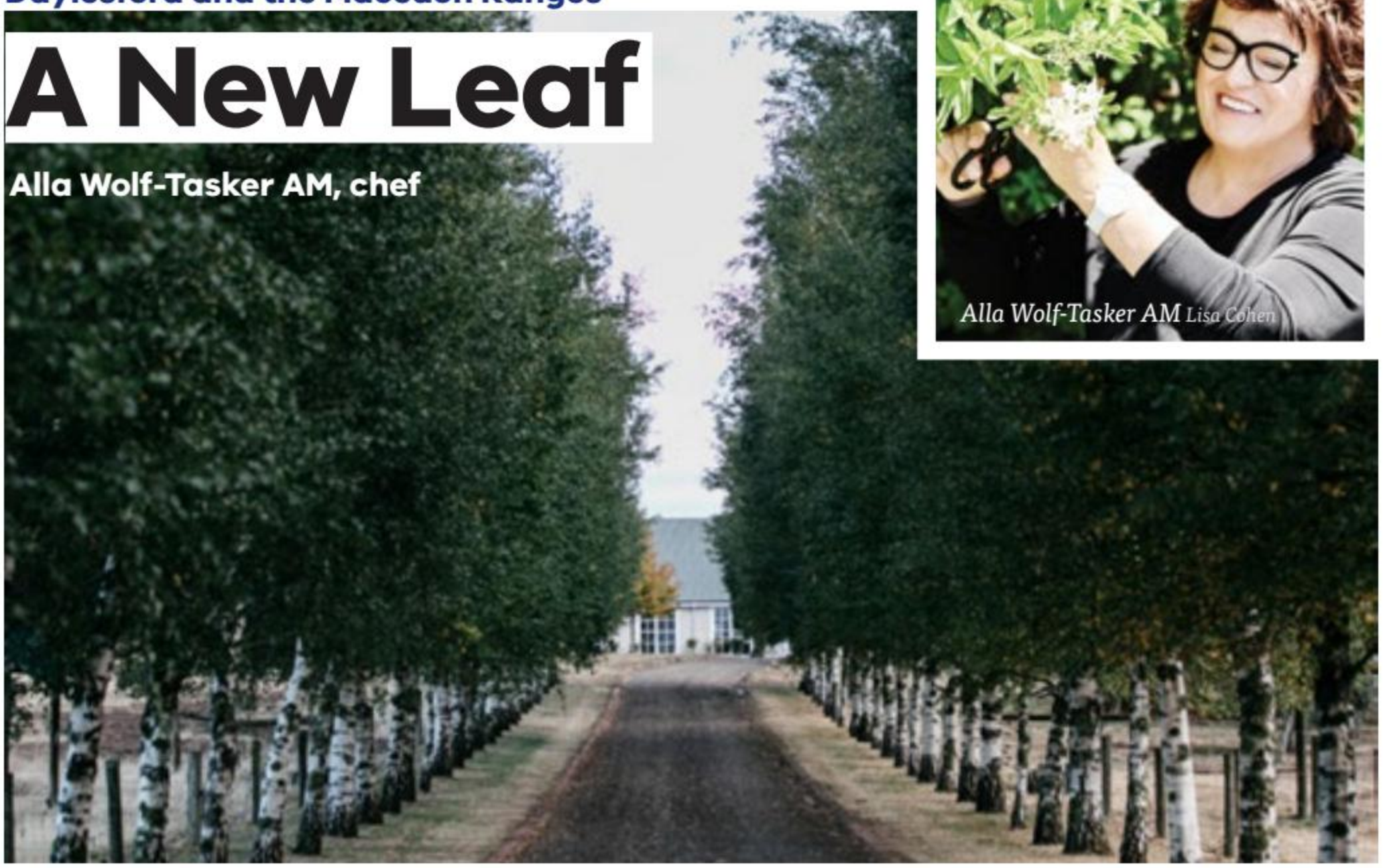


Alla Wolf-Tasker AM Lisa Cohen



Ballarat

Nature's Bounty

Amanda Collins and Scott Denno, apiarists

"The main function of a bee is to pollinate flowers and honey is a by-product of beekeeping," says Scott. "We truly believe pollination is crucial for food security."

It's true that the world's bee population is under pressure, but Scott and Amanda are doing their best to protect Victorian colonies.

The pair became accidental beekeepers when they were unexpectedly gifted a hive in 2013. After researching how to care for their new farm mates for two years, they launched Backyard Beekeeping Ballarat and now manage hives across the region, including for a number of community groups. They also hold workshops for those who want to become beekeepers themselves.

Popular is the *Secret Life of Bees: Open Hive Experience* that allows the curious to get close to thousands of bees in a local hive, an experience that may sound confronting but, in reality, is actually very calming.

+ **backyardbeesballarat.com.au**

Highlights

Stay in boutique luxury at newly opened ***Lyon House.***

Visit Ballarat's newest brewery, ***Aunty Jacks***, to try some great craft beer.

Take the family to pan for gold at ***Sovereign Hill***.

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Bendigo

Take it to the Streets

Reece Hendy, artist

Nacho Station Mural

Six years ago, he started a collective called Nacho Station and, since then, has been enlivening Bendigo's forgotten spaces with colourful murals.

"I get a kick out of seeing a project grow from an initial idea into a tangible end result that makes people stop and take notice," says Reece, aka Nacho. "I love listening to client ideas and then transforming them into something they hadn't imagined."

Recent projects have included collaborating with Adelaide artist Jack Fran to create a wattle mural on Bath Lane and revitalising the Back Creek Art Trail, creating arresting artworks on underpasses and bridges used by cyclists and walkers.

Reece and the other artists involved in Nacho Station also run Bendigo Street Art Tours, where guests are led around the city while being told stories about the artworks they see and the artists who created them.

+ **nacho-station.com**

Highlights

Take a ***Bendigo Street Art Tour***.

Head to the Heathcote wine region and try out the ***Peregrine Ridge*** cellar door, complete with beautiful views.

Check out ***The Mill Castlemaine*** for a mix of makers and creators , including coffee roasters, chocolatiers, brewers, winemakers, antique restorers and much more.

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Peregrine Ridge

Grampians Olive Co, Laharum

Grampians

The Good Oil

Greg Mathews, olive grower

The first trees were planted in this grove more than 75 years ago, and now Greg is the second generation of his family to oversee the 28,000 trees at Grampians Olive Co. The Mathews took over the farm in 2008 and it's now Australia's largest family-owned, single-estate, certified organic olive plantation.

"These are some of the oldest trees in the country," says Greg. "It's pretty remarkable that they have been here for so long and are still producing such good quality olive oil."

The oils have won countless awards, and Greg attributes much of the success to the age of the trees – older ones produce oil with more complex flavours.

The oil is also cold pressed on the farm within hours of harvest, then carefully bottled by hand in small batches to guarantee freshness and quality.

Visitors can stop by Grampians Olive Co to tour the facilities, undertake tastings of the premium olive oils and shop for table olives, infused oils and artisan vinegars.
+ **grampiansoliveco.com.au**

Highlights

Hike from ***Wartook Valley*** to ***Beehive Falls*** and staying at ***Meringa Springs***.

Go kayaking or mountain biking with ***Absolute Outdoors***.

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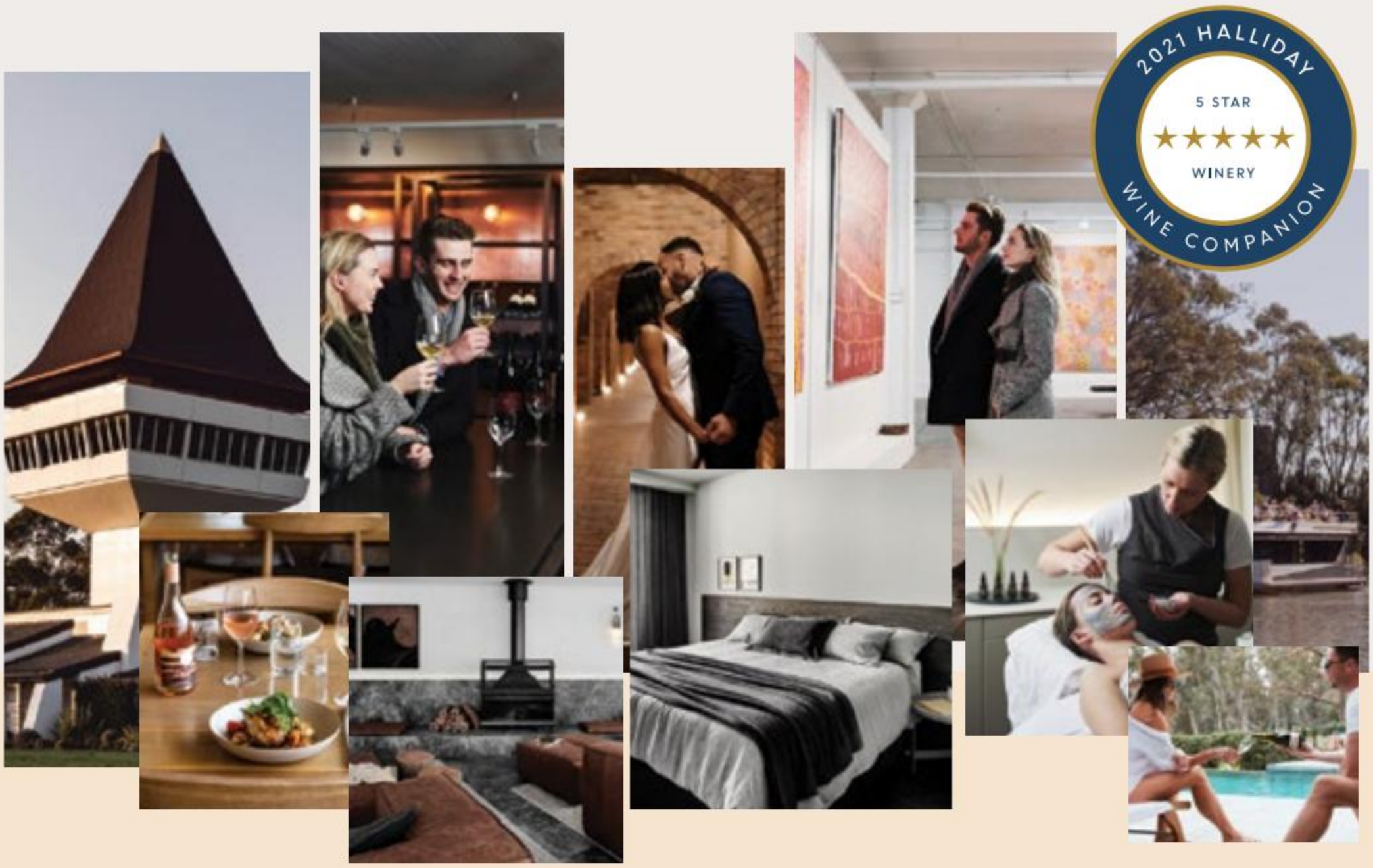

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Get Into **the Spirit**

David and Fiona De Vries, distillers

They moved to Echuca to settle into retirement, but after 20 years of running their own business distilling flavours and fragrances, David and Fiona decided to use the skills they'd gathered in a different line of work.

Having acquired a site in the historic port precinct, they went on to launch Echuca Distillery in 2019. Now, they create a range of gins – there are dry and navy strength varieties, as well as some infused with cucumber or yuzu and ginger – along with flavoured vodkas and liqueurs using all natural ingredients and botanicals.

Visitors can tour the distillery, try the spirits, order a cocktail at the bar or sit on the balcony overlooking the Murray while enjoying a meal.

"People love coming here to chill out by the river and we aim to play a significant part in this experience," says David. "What better way to enjoy your favourite gin than on the banks of the mighty Murray River?"

+ **echucadistillery.com.au**

Highlights

Do a wharf to winery cruise with ***Murray River Paddlesteamers***.

Stay at the new ***The Sebel Yarrawonga Hotel*** and enjoy a round of golf while you're there.

Go off-road near Mildura to billabongs, silos or even Mungo National Park with ***Murray Offroad Adventures***.

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Murray Offroad Adventures

Murray River Paddlesteamers

The Sebel Yarrawonga Hotel

Eat, stay and play at Sebel Yarrawonga

Whether it's relaxing views, a round of golf or extraordinary dining, The Sebel Yarrawonga is the perfect place to escape and unwind on the Murray. Take in uninterrupted views of Lake Mulwala, while enjoying superb modern Australian cuisine at Elizabeth's restaurant where renowned head chef Logan Campbell focuses on local and native ingredients, bringing a real taste of the region to your plate. "There is an abundance of superb produce around Yarrawonga and I am enjoying being able to connect with all the local producers to create a truly region-based menu," says Campbell. Food is the hero here and, with an evolving à la carte menu, there's plenty of reason to visit and keep coming back.

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High Country

On the Vine

Rowly Milhinch and Sally Brown, winery owners

Rowly Milhinch, Scion Winery

The High Country is one of Victoria's best wine destinations, encompassing eight wine regions. One of those is Rutherglen, home to a winery called Scion. This part of the state is renowned for durif and muscat, and both can be found at Rowly and Sally's cellar door.

Rowly, a self-taught winemaker, is a descendant of the renowned nineteenth-century vigneron George Francis Morris, and the name of the winery alludes to that connection. While tradition plays a huge part in Rutherglen, being a newcomer hasn't been a disadvantage.

"It's my absolute strength," says Rowly. "I don't have to do anything. I'm not constrained by tradition. The only thing stopping Sally and I is our own minds."

His outlook is to take Rutherglen's traditional grapes and 'interpret' them in a modern way – creating a dry, aperitif-style wine using muscat grapes, for instance.

"We make wines that we like to drink," he says, "always working with the vines, the soil and the weather."
+ **scionwine.com.au**

Mount Buffalo David Kirkland

Highlights

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Try amazing muscat wines in a unique ***Beyond The Cellar Door*** experience in Rutherglen.

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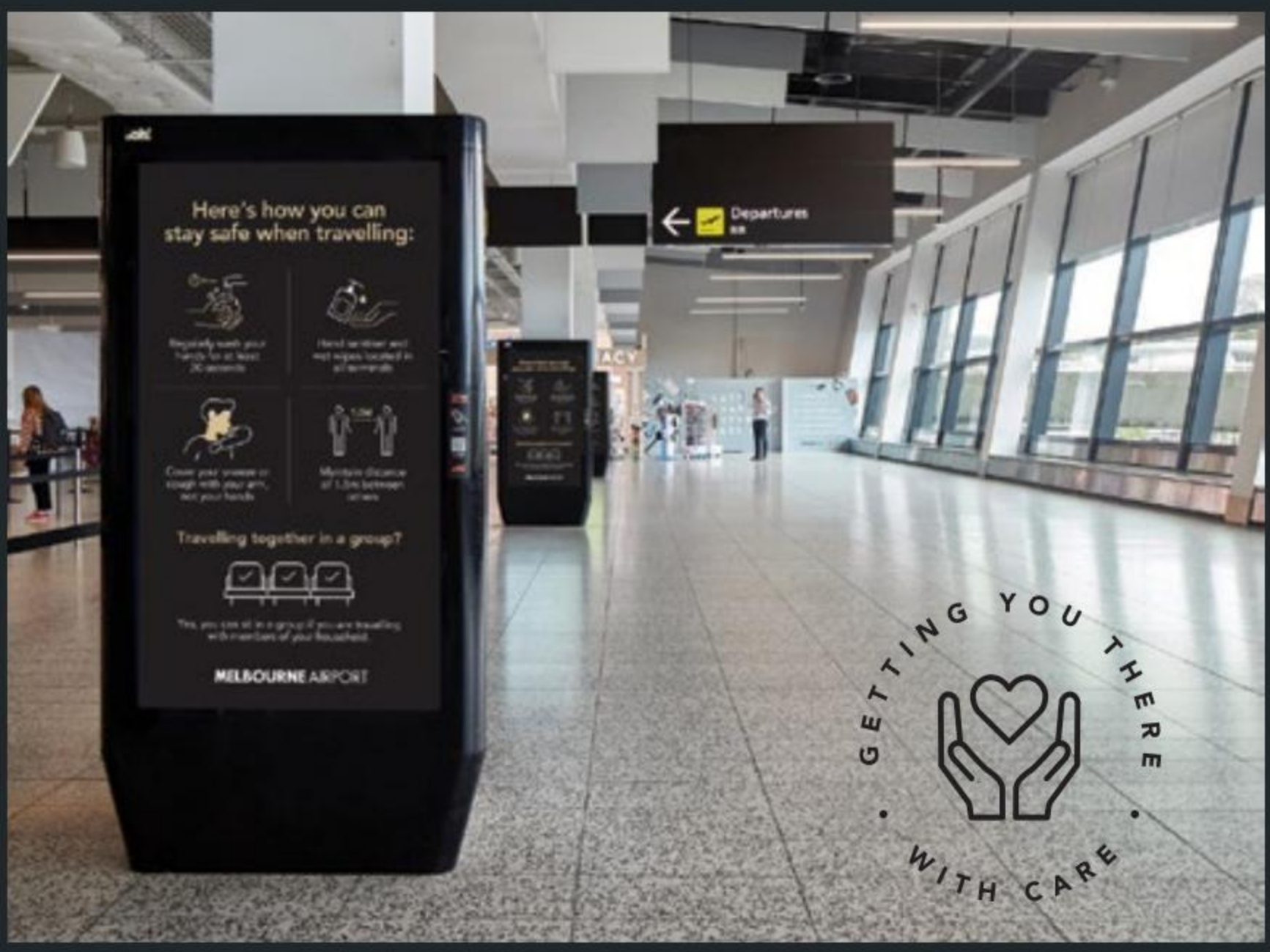
- Contactless payments
- Physical distancing aids

Along with these measures, our staff are trained to make sure that our passengers safety is our number one priority.

Safe travels and we'll see you next time you fly from Melbourne Airport.



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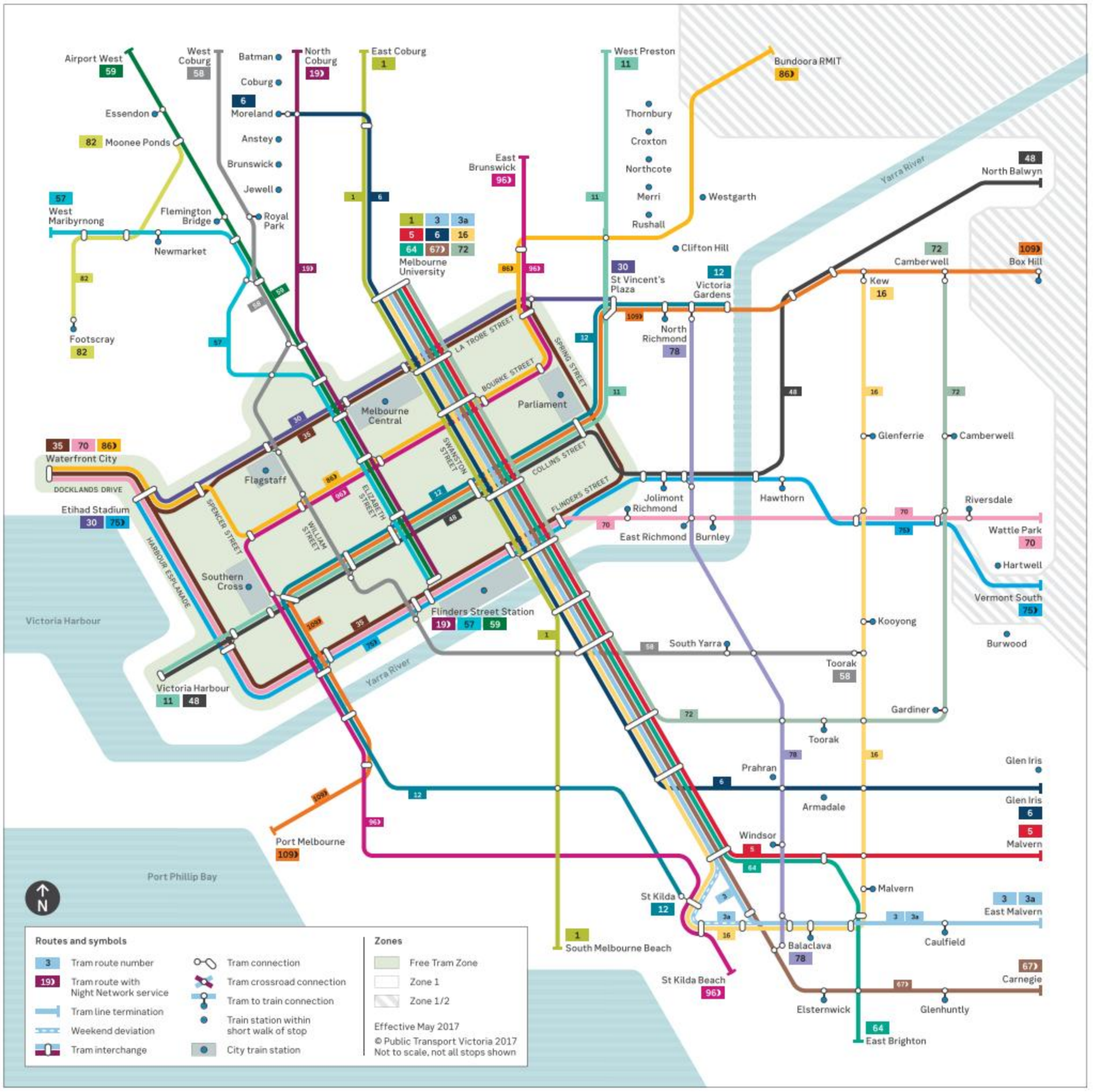
Melbourne tram network



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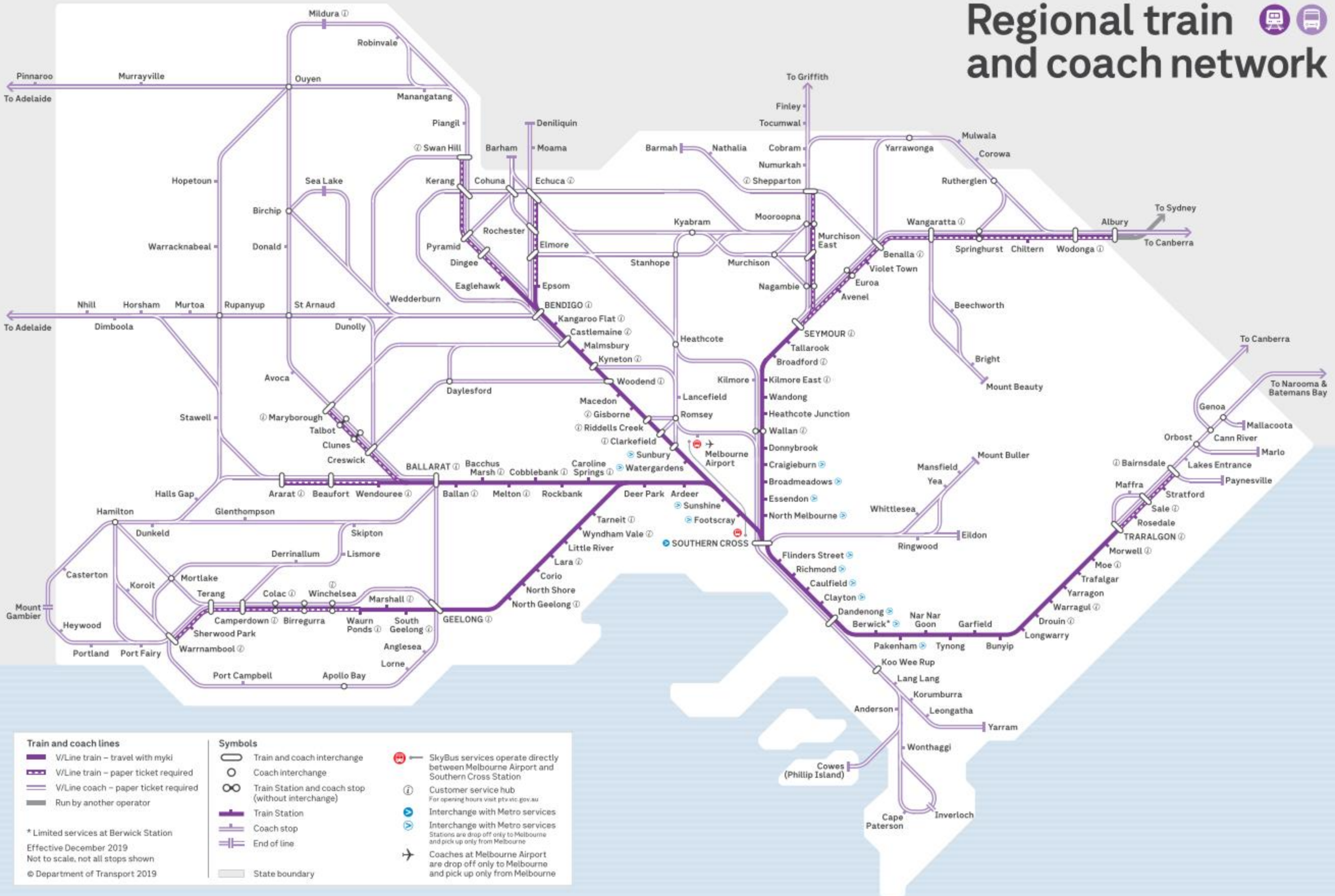
Regional train and coach network



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Metropolitan train lines

- Mernda and Hurstbridge lines
- Sunbury, Craigieburn and Upfield lines
- Belgrave, Lilydale, Alamein and Glen Waverley lines
- Cranbourne and Pakenham lines
- Frankston, Werribee and Williamstown lines
- Sandringham line
- Stony Point line
- Special event services

Airport connections

- SkyBus services

Regional train lines

- V/Line – myki required
- V/Line – paper ticket required

Under construction

- ★ New regional stations at Goornong, Huntly and Raywood: Construction complete 2021–22
- The Metro Tunnel: Anzac, Town Hall, State Library, Parkville, Arden

Symbols

- Interchange station with customer service hub. Staffed first to last train, seven days a week
- Customer service hub. Staffed first to last train, seven days a week
- Customer service hub. For opening hours visit ptv.vic.gov.au
- Step free access at all stations except Heyington
- Metropolitan fare zones 1 and 2
- Regional myki fare zones 3 to 13 and V/Line paper ticket

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MELBOURNE CITY

O'Brien Icehouse
Melbourne Star Observation Wheel
CAPITAL CITY TRAIL
Footscray Rd / Docklands Hwy
220
ArtVo
The District Docklands
Pearl River Rd
Waterfront Way
DOCKLANDS DR
35,70,86
WATERFRONT CITY DOCKLANDS
Waterfront City
Caravel Ln
NewQuay
NewQuay Promenade
Quay Park
NewQuay Marina
Melbourne City Marina
Victoria Harbour
Portarlington & Geelong Ferry
D'Albora Marina
Library at The Dock
Victoria Harbour Promenade
Bulluk Park
11,48
VICTORIA HARBOUR DOCKLANDS
BOURKE ST
DOCKLANDS
Victoria Green
Collins Landing
Point Park
Docklands Park
HARBOUR ESPLANADE
Marvel Stadium
WURUNDJERI WAY
Batmans Hill Dr
COLLINS ST
CENTRAL PIER DOCKLANDS
30,75
Railway Pl
216
WEST MELBOURNE
Rosslyn St
Festival Hall
DUDLEY ST
When travelling only within the Free Tram Zone on a tram, you do not need to use a myki card
FREE TRAM ZONE
City centre boundary
Spencer Outlet Centre
V/Line Regional Coach Skybus Terminal
(Airport Bus)
PT
TA
Southern Cross
Kangan Institute
35,70,75
Marina YE
Webb Bridge
River Esplanade
Jim Stynes Bridge
Mission to Seafarers
WTC Wharf
Yarra's Edge
South Wharf Promenade
Seafarers Bridge
DFO South Wharf
12,96,109
SOUTH WHARF
Plenary
Polly Woodside
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC)
Yarra Promenade
Crown Entertainment Complex
Rebecca Walk
Batman Park
Enterprize Park
Melbourne Aquarium
NORMANBY RD
Whiteman St
Queensbridge St
CLARENDON ST
CITY RD
POWER ST
Boyd Community Hub
Southbank Library
To St Kilda 12
234, 236
58 To Toorak
0
8–10 minutes walk
500m
St James
Batman St
City Mosque
Jeffcott St
FLAGSTAFF GARDENS
Bird's Basement
LA TROBE ST
Flagstaff
Lt Lonsdale St
William Angliss Institute
605
Hellenic Museum
SPENCER ST
KING ST
LONSDALE ST
905-907
Magistrate's Court
Lt Bourke St
WILLIAM ST
Supreme Court
612
BOURKE ST
St Augustine's
Lt Collins St
COLLINS ST
Flinders Ln
FLINDERS ST
Immigration Museum
To West Maribyrnong 57
St Mary Star of the Sea
Eades Park
Festival Hall
234
236
237
Singer Ln

Transport

Suggested Routes

PT PTV Hub Transport Information Centre

Taxi Rank

TA Travellers Aid Centre

River Cruise Departure Point

Train Station — Flagstaff

Bus Route Number — 253 — Bus Terminus 253

City Circle Tram Route (No.35)

Tram Route Number — 75 — Tram Stop — Accessible Stop — Free Tram Zone Boundary — Tram Terminus 11,48 VICTORIA HARBOUR DOCKLANDS

Not all stops shown

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Retail/ Dining
Attractions & Amenities
Attractions ★
Public Toilet (Accessible)
City Ambassadors
Visitor info hub
Playground
Theatre
Library

57
58 To West Coburg (Melb Zoo)
19,59 19 To North Coburg 59 To Airport West
1,3,3a,5,6,16,64,67,72 1 To East Coburg, 6 To Moreland 3, 3a, 5, 16, 64, 67, 72 Terminate at University of Melbourne (400m)
Argyle Square
Lygon St Precinct
Peel St
VICTORIA ST
Queen Victoria Market
String Bean Al
Therry St
SWANSTON ST
RMIT
200 207
Queensberry St
Drummond St
250 251 402
IMAX Theatre
Melbourne Museum
CARLTON
LYGON ST
City Baths
Franklin St
Trades Hall
Royal Exhibition Building
96
To East Brunswick
Rathdowne St
Peace Garden
FITZROY
A'Beckett St
RMIT
Old Melbourne Gaol
CARLTON GARDENS
Moreton Bay Fig Trees
Gertrude St
Welsh Presb
Melbourne Central
City Circle Tram Route 35
Nicholson St
30, 35
To Bundoora RMIT 86
City Loop (underground line)
QUEEN ST
ELIZABETH ST
Church of Christ
State Library Victoria
RUSSELL ST
EXHIBITION ST
SPRING ST
To West Preston 11
St Vincent's Hospital
402
ST VINCENT'S PLAZA
30
VICTORIA PDE
Brunswick St
Melbourne Central
Hardware St
OV Centre
Greek Precinct
Wesley Uniting
Bennetts Ln
Museum of Chinese Australian History ★
Parliament
Synagogue
905-907
12, 109
12 To Victoria Gardens, Richmond 109 To Box Hill
Emporium Melbourne
Driver Ln
Tattersalls Ln
Comedy Theatre
Punch Ln
Her Majesty's Theatre
ALBERT ST
Parliament Gardens
St Peter's
Eye & Ear Hospital
Victorian Artists Society
Chinatown Precinct
170 Russell
Princess Theatre
Crossley St
Parliament House
MACARTHUR ST
St Patrick's Cathedral
Mary Mackillop ★ Heritage Centre
Myer
David Jones
Bourke St Mall
260
90
Cherry Bar
Myers Pl
Gordon Reserve
Burston Reserve
Eye & Ear on the Park
86,96
Galleria
Royal Arc
Causeway
Union Ln
Block Arc
St. Collins Ln
Howey Pl
Collins 234
Baptist Scots' Presb
St Michael's
Alfred Pl
Bank Pl
Equitable Pl
200 207 216 250 220 251
Melbourne Town Hall
Athenaeum
Old Treasury Building Museum
11,12,48,109
Regent Theatre
Collins Place
John F Kennedy Memorial
Dolphin Fountain
FITZROY GARDENS
Victoria Uni
FLINDERS ST STATION
19,57,59
Degraves St
City Library
St Paul's Cathedral
Hosier Ln
The Forum
Oliver Ln
AC/DC Ln
Duckboard Pl
Treasury Gardens
Lansdowne St
Conservatory (reopening May 2021)
Cooks' Cottage
Scarred Tree
Flinders St
ACMI
Melb Day Tour Centre
Chadstone Shuttle
Federation Square
The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia
Koorie Heritage Trust Cultural Centre
ArtPlay
Signal
Les Ewin Plaza
Sandridge Rail Bridge
Williamstown Ferry
Southbank Promenade
WELLINGTON PDE
Wellington Pde South
Upper Terrace
BATMAN AVE
JOLIMONT RD
48,75
48 To North Balwyn 75 To Vermont South
SOUTHBANK
Southgate
Hamer Hall
Eureka Skydeck
St Johns
Arts Centre Melbourne
BIRRARUNG MARR
Yarra River
William Barak Bridge
Middle Terrace
To Wattle Park 70
Boat sheds
Alexandra Gardens
Skate park
State Theatre
Tanderrum Bridge
YARRA PARK
POWER ST
Southbank Blvd
NGV International
Queen Victoria Gardens
Floral Clock
ST KILDA RD
Sports & Entertainment Precinct
Australian Sports Museum (Gate 3)
Melbourne Recital Centre
Southbank Theatre
To Sth Melb Beach 1
Buxton Contemporary
Shrine of Remembrance
Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria
La Trobe's Cottage
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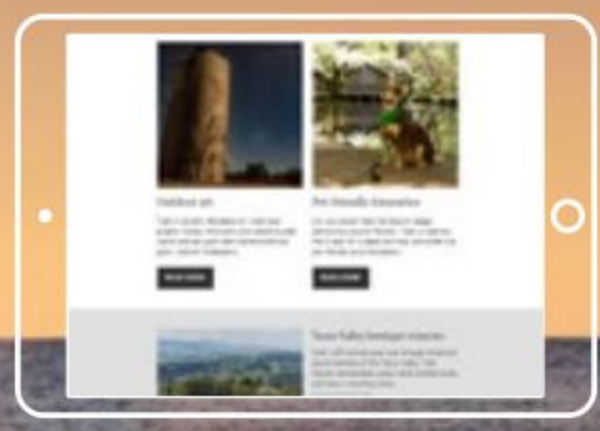

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